

**Episode 21:  
Opening the  
Gate**





# \* Rejected Cover Idea

THE MOOD DIDN'T FIT  
WITH THE WORLD.







THERE'S  
A  
RECORD  
OF IT.

AFTER  
THE  
MOPPING  
UP  
OPERATION  
SIX DAYS  
AGO,  
SIR.

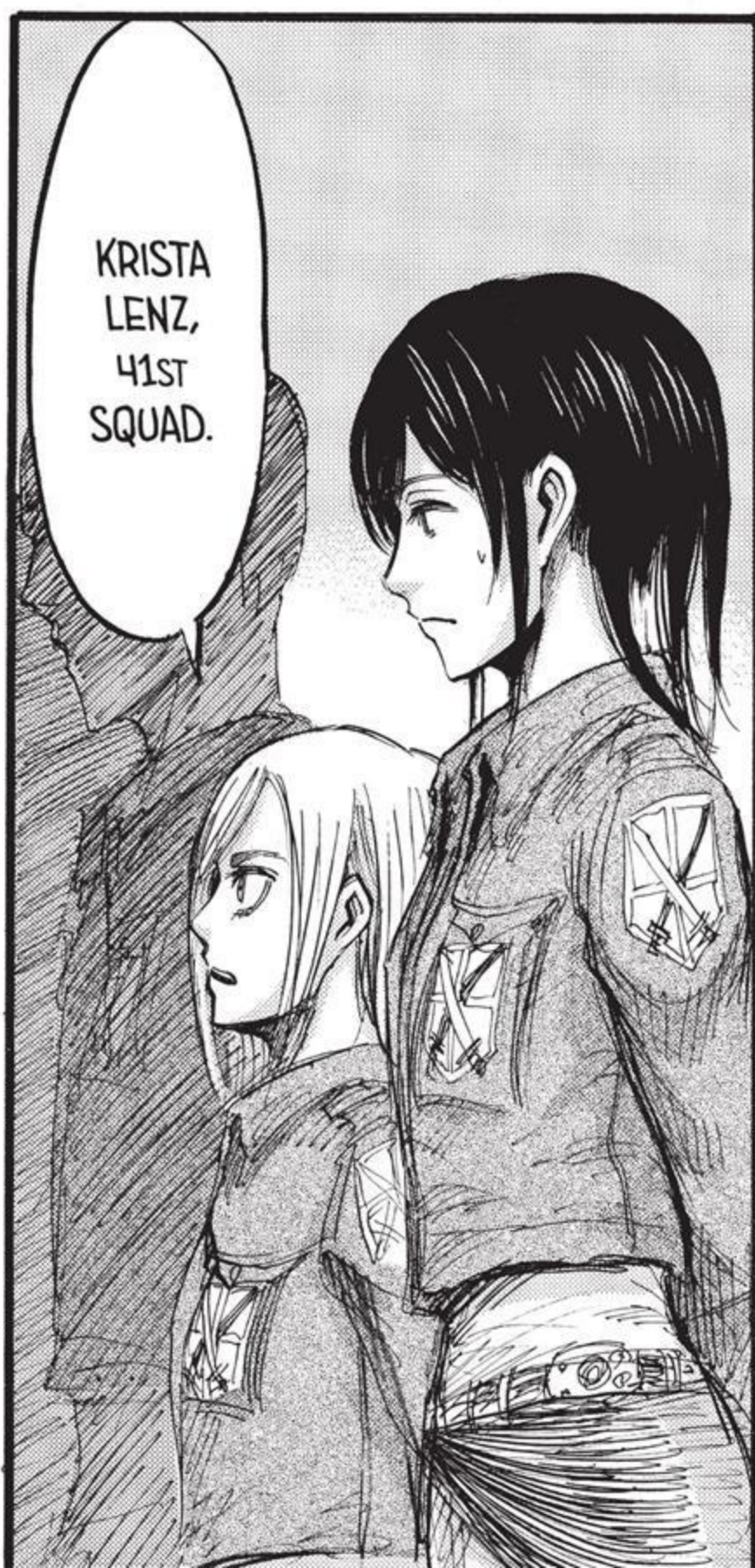
WHEN  
WAS THE  
SHAFT  
LAST  
SWITCHED  
OUT?

ALL  
RIGHT,  
NEXT!  
YOU!



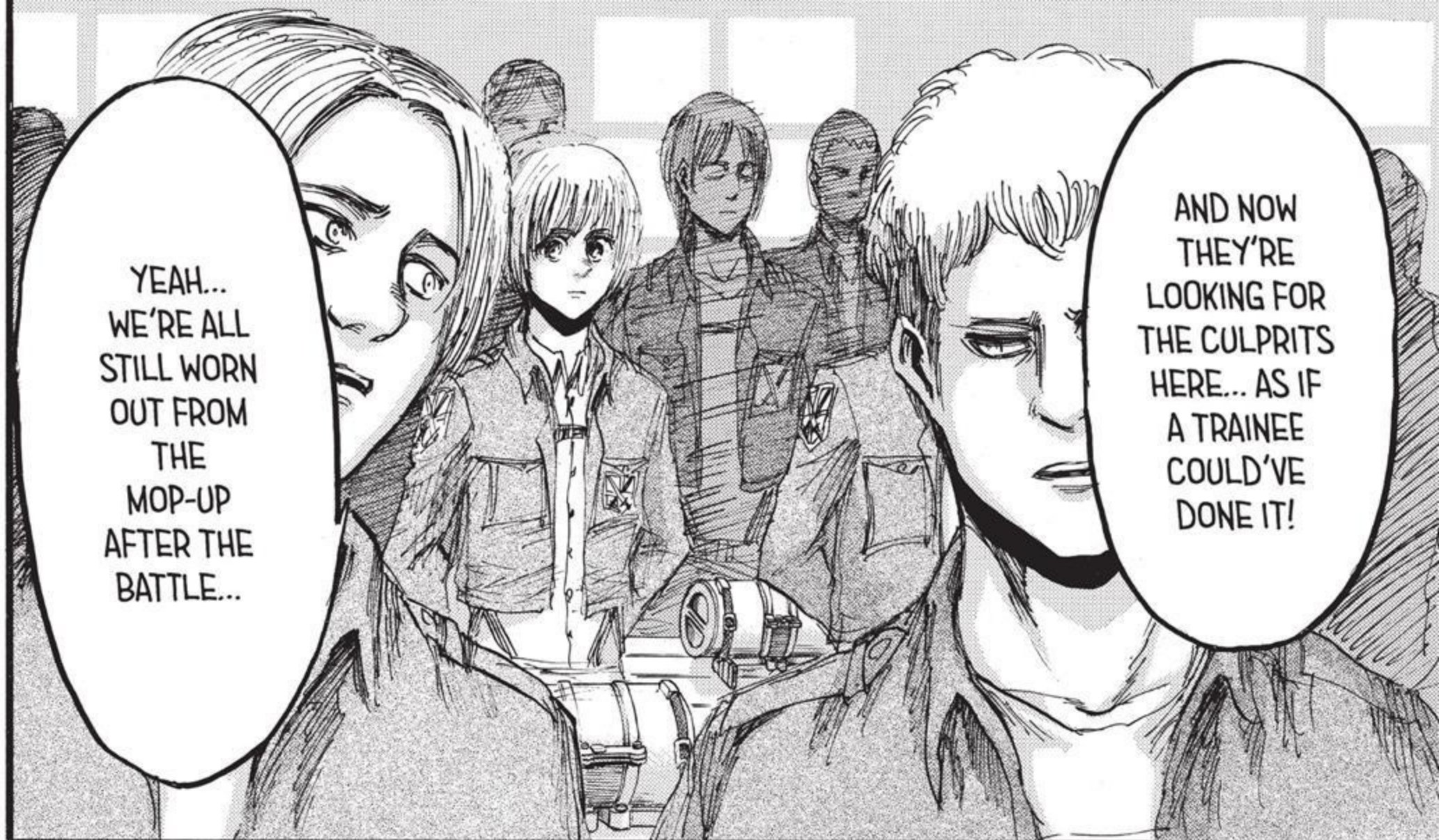
SO  
YOU  
CAN GET  
PUNISHED  
FOR  
KILLING  
TITANS,  
HUH?

YEAH,  
IT **IS**  
WEIRD, BUT  
THEY WERE  
VALUABLE  
TEST  
SUBJECTS.



KRISTA  
LENZ,  
41ST  
SQUAD.





YEAH...  
WE'RE ALL  
STILL WORN  
OUT FROM  
THE  
MOP-UP  
AFTER THE  
BATTLE...

AND NOW  
THEY'RE  
LOOKING FOR  
THE CULPRITS  
HERE... AS IF  
A TRAINEE  
COULD'VE  
DONE IT!



WHOEVER  
DID IT MAY  
HAVE SATISFIED  
THEIR THIRST  
FOR REVENGE,  
BUT IT'S A  
BLOW TO  
THE HUMAN  
RACE.

BUT THIS  
PRACTICALLY  
HELPS THE  
TITANS...



...  
YEAH.

YOU  
CAN'T  
BLAME  
SOMEONE  
FOR  
HATING  
TITANS.



BEFORE  
I SAW MY  
FIRST TITAN,  
I REALLY  
WANTED TO  
JOIN THE  
SURVEY  
CORPS...

YOU  
LOSE  
YOUR  
ABILITY  
TO  
THINK.



...!



...SO  
I KINDA  
GET  
WHERE  
THEY'RE  
COMING  
FROM.

I'M  
AN  
IDIOT  
...





...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
WE HAVE TO  
CHOOSE A  
BRANCH  
TODAY...

...BUT NOW...  
I NEVER  
WANNA SEE  
ANOTHER TITAN  
AS LONG AS I  
LIVE.



WHAT  
?!  
JEAN  
SAID  
THAT  
?



DAMN IT...  
EVEN JEAN  
SAID HE'S  
GONNA JOIN  
THE SURVEY  
CORPS...



HE SAYS  
HE'S  
GONNA  
JOIN THE  
CORPS.

HEY...  
ANNIE,  
WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?



YOU'RE  
GOING  
WITH THE  
MP  
BRIGADE,  
RIGHT...?

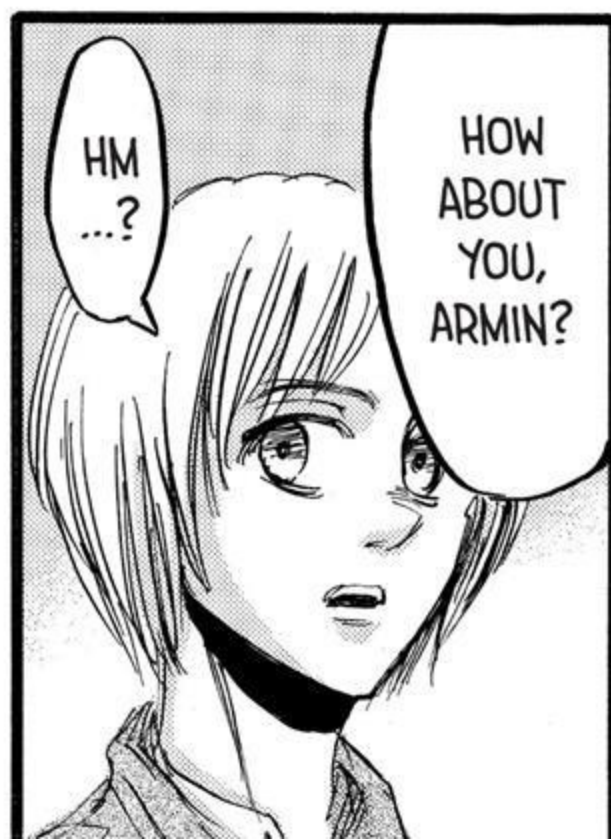
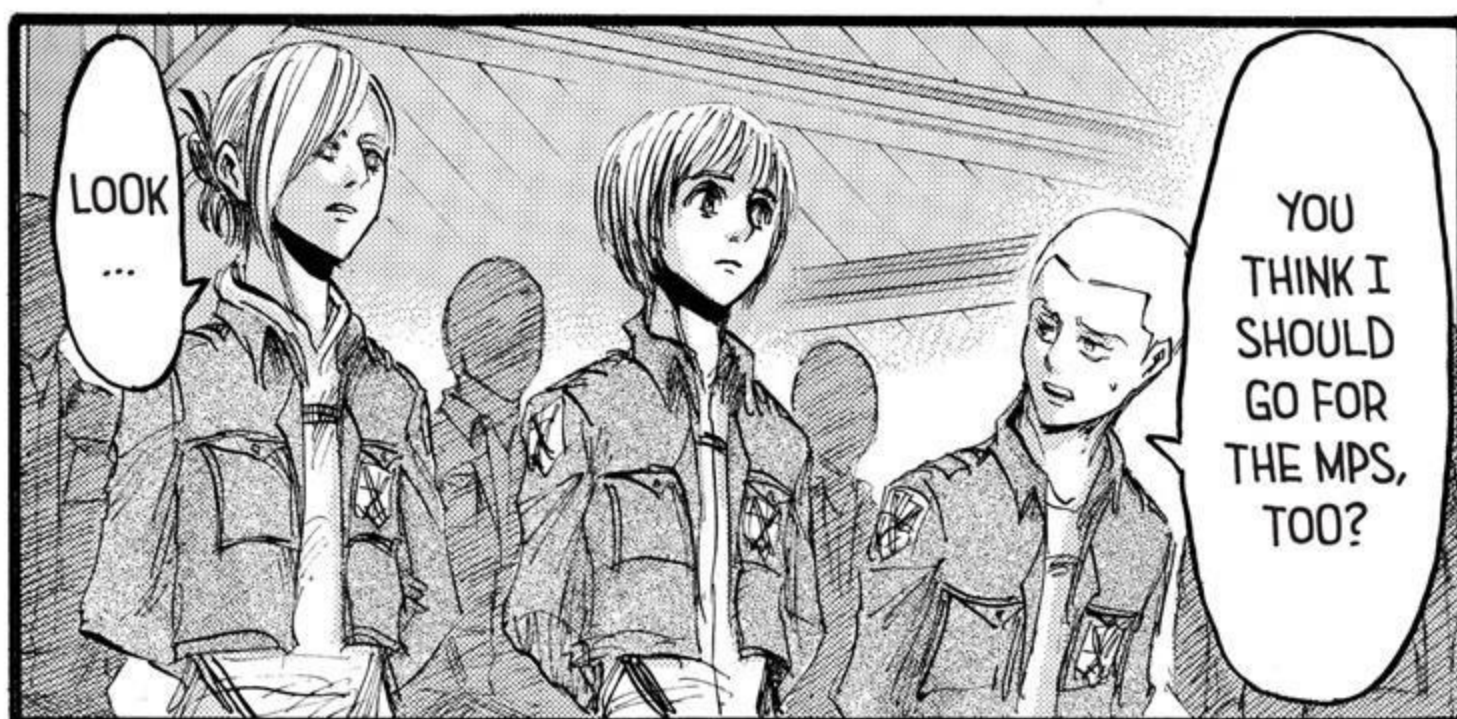
...I  
SEE.



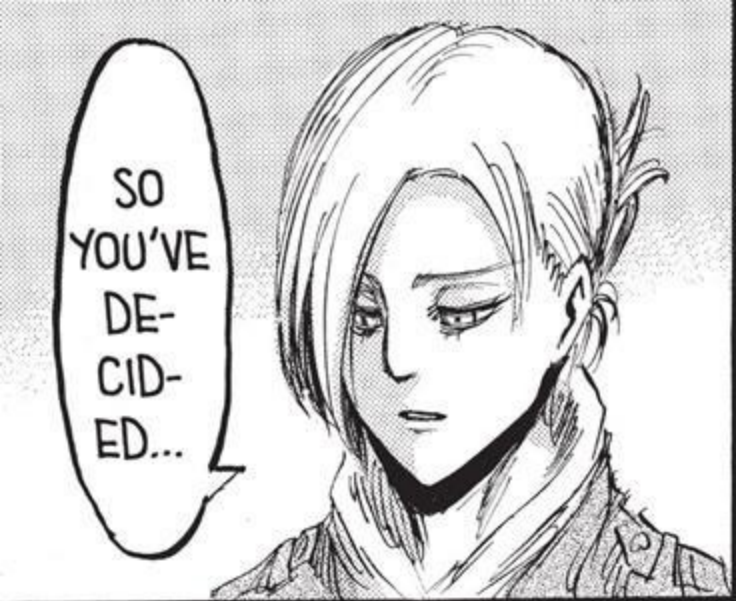
MY  
MIND'S  
ALREADY  
MADE  
UP.

...I  
DON'T  
THINK  
ANY-  
THING.

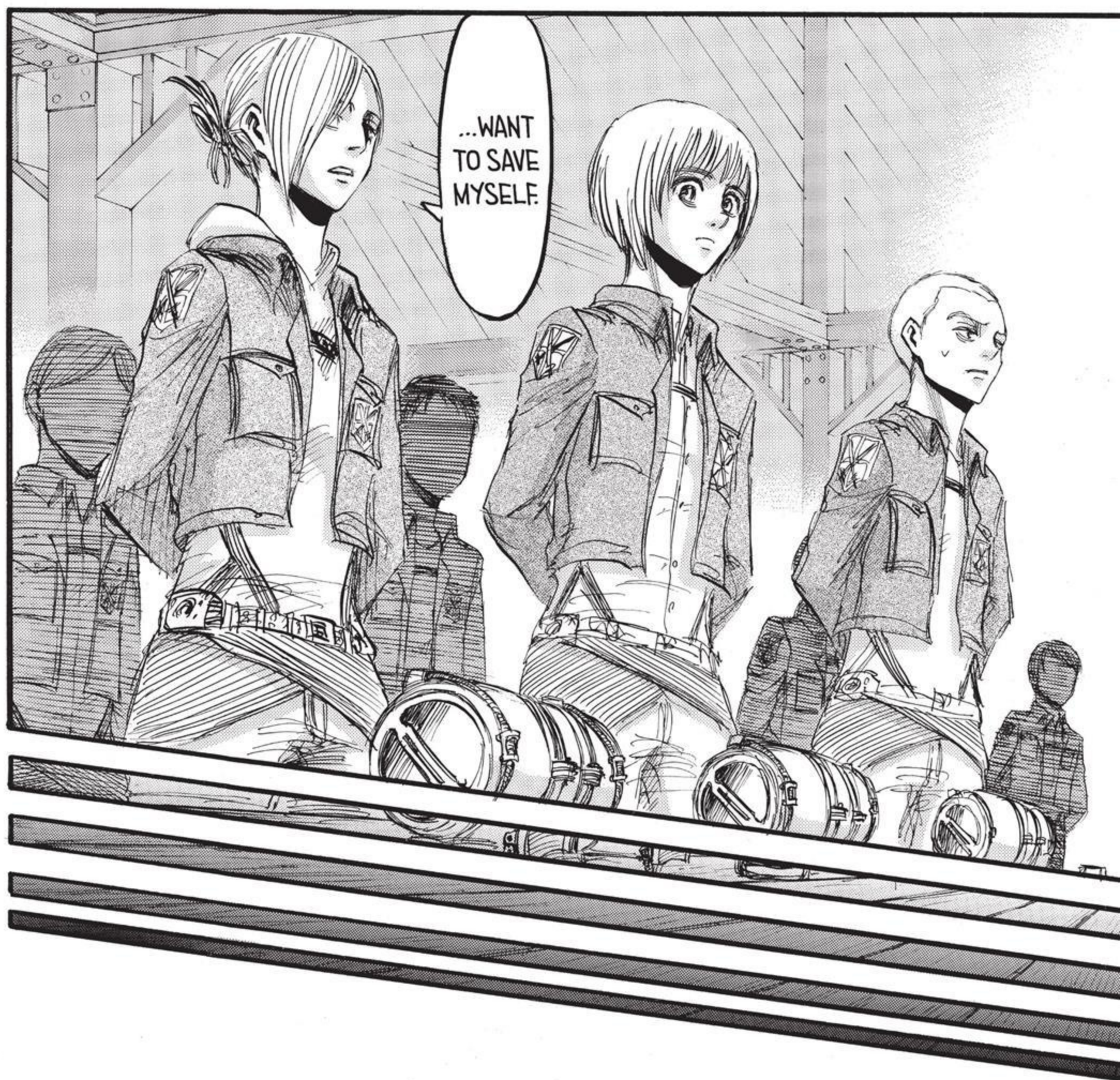














WHO  
THE  
HELL  
DID IT,  
THEN  
...?

SO IN THE  
END, I GUESS  
THEY DIDN'T  
FIND ANY  
SOLDIERS WHO  
USED VERTICAL  
MANEUVERING  
GEAR WITHOUT  
AUTHORIZA-  
TION.

I WONDER  
HOW MANY  
NEWBIES  
ARE GONNA  
JOIN THE  
CORPS ON  
A WHIM...

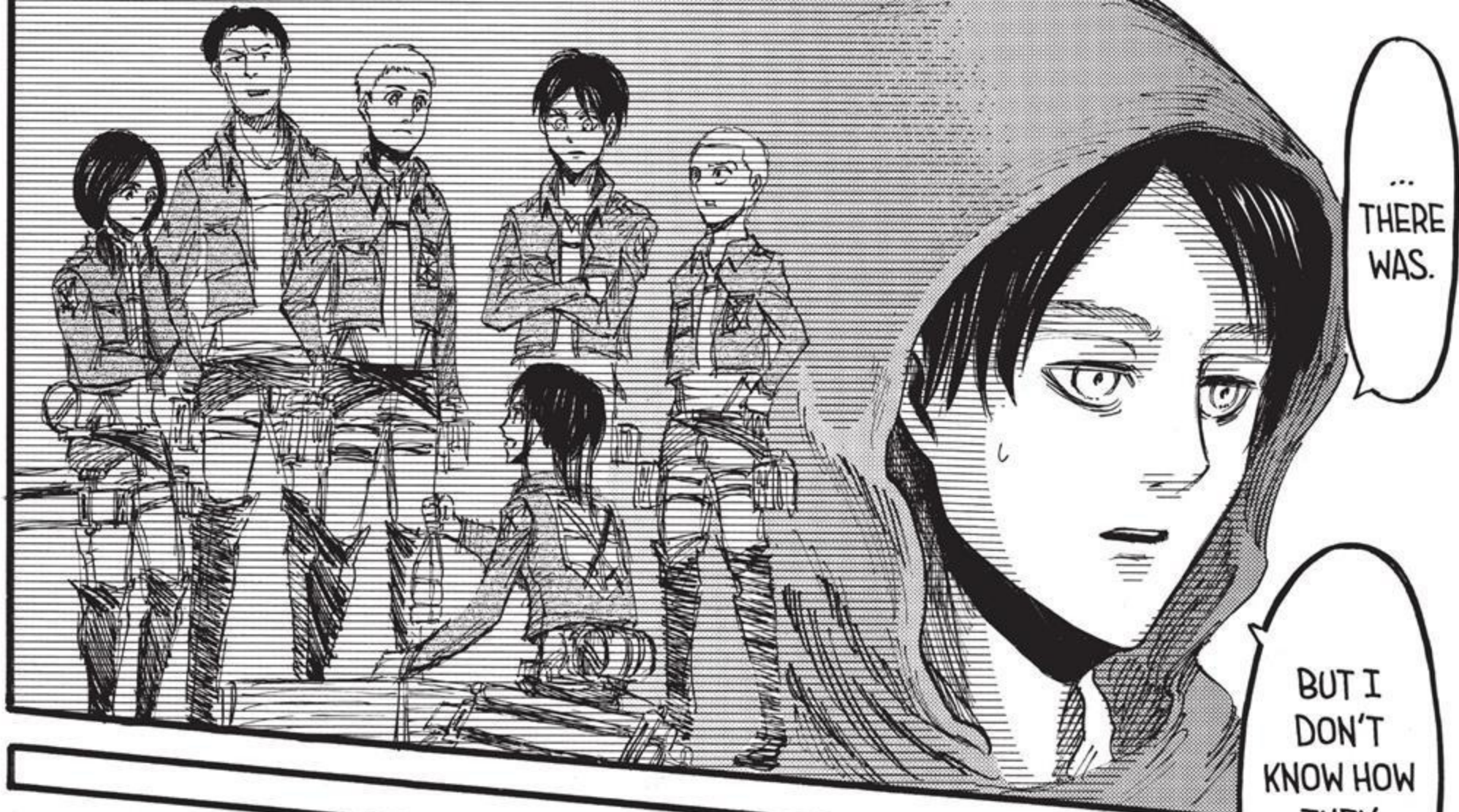
BEATS  
ME... TO BE  
HONEST, I'M  
MORE  
CONCERNED  
ABOUT TODAY'S  
RECRUIT  
SOLICITATION  
CEREMONY.

NO  
...

THERE  
IS.

HEY,  
EREN. IS  
THERE  
ANYONE  
FROM YOUR  
TRAINING  
GROUP WHO  
WANTS TO  
JOIN UP?



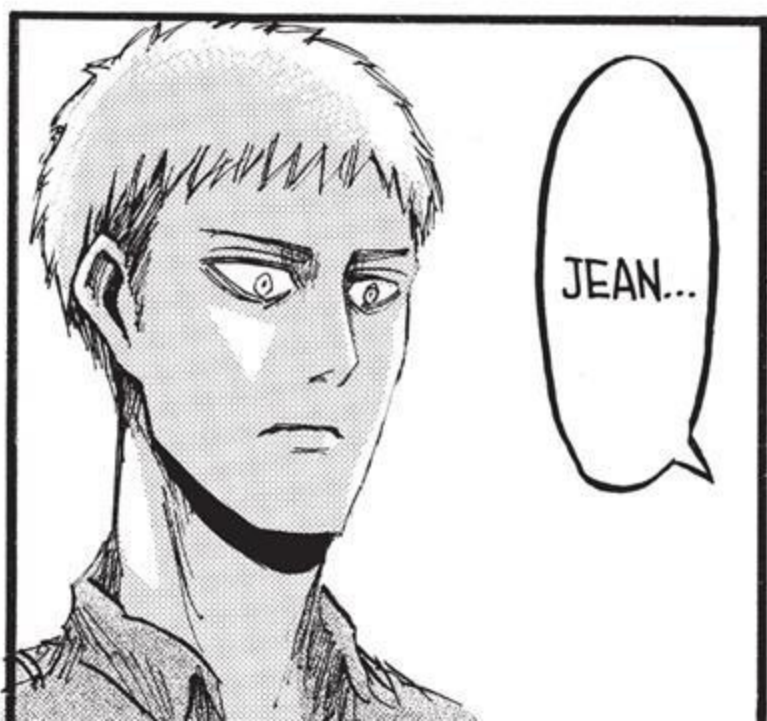


...  
THERE  
WAS.

BUT I  
DON'T  
KNOW HOW  
THEY  
FEEL  
NOW.



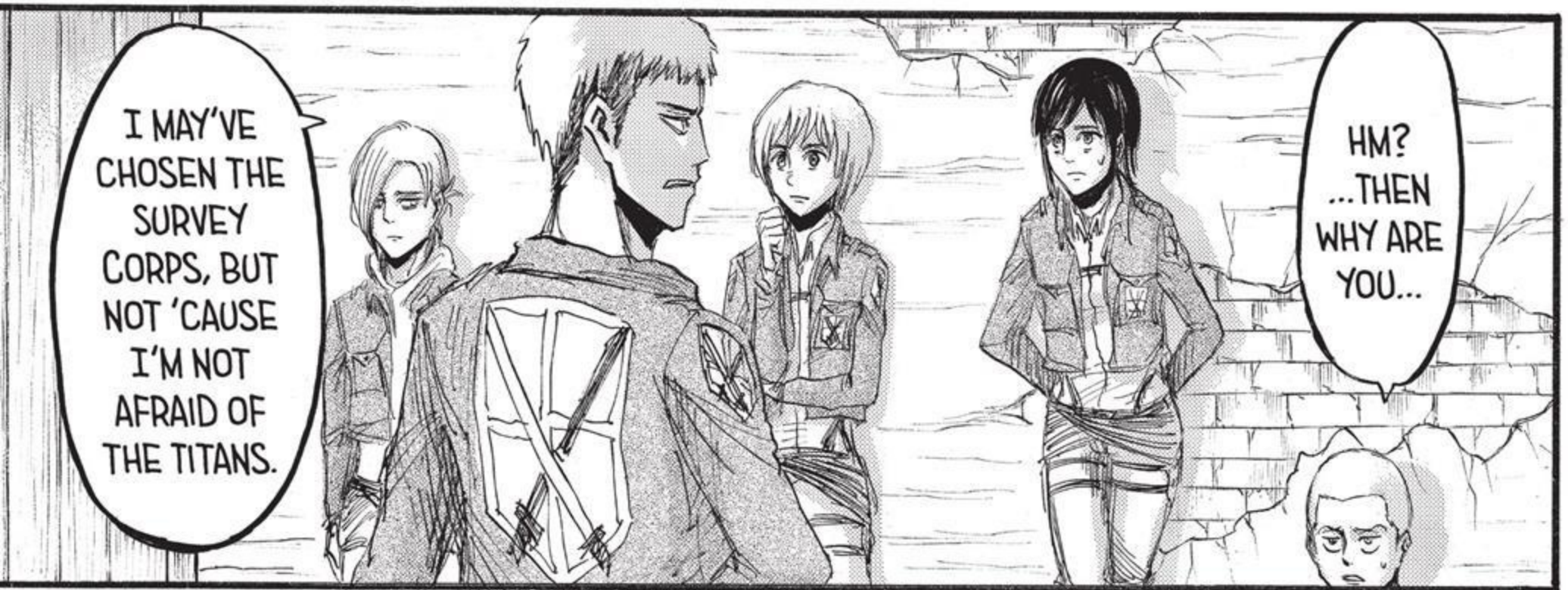
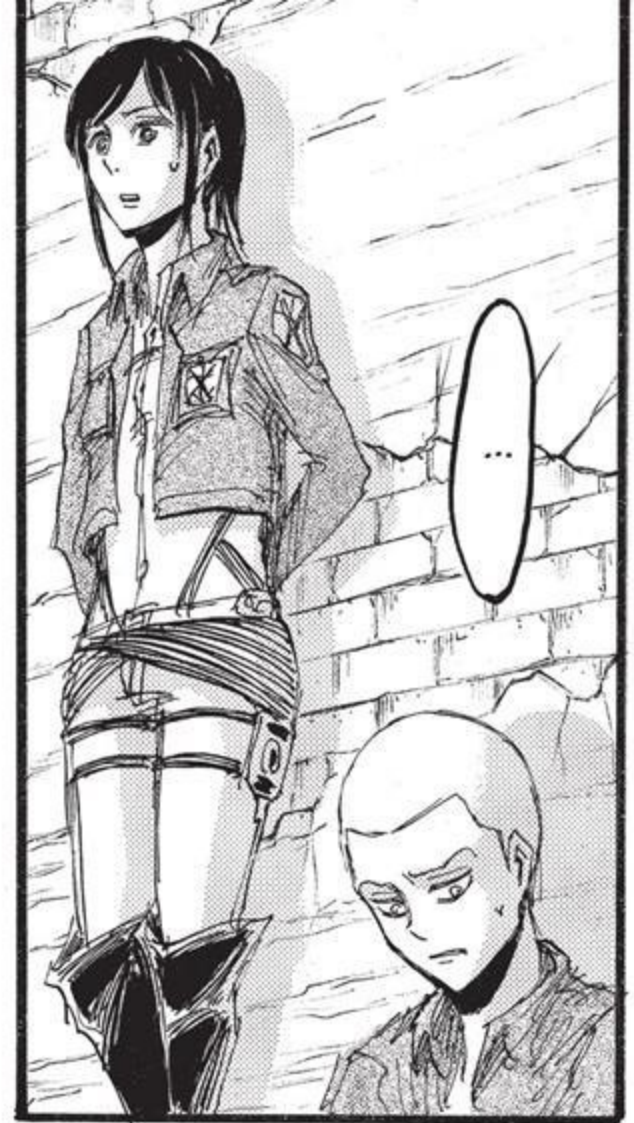
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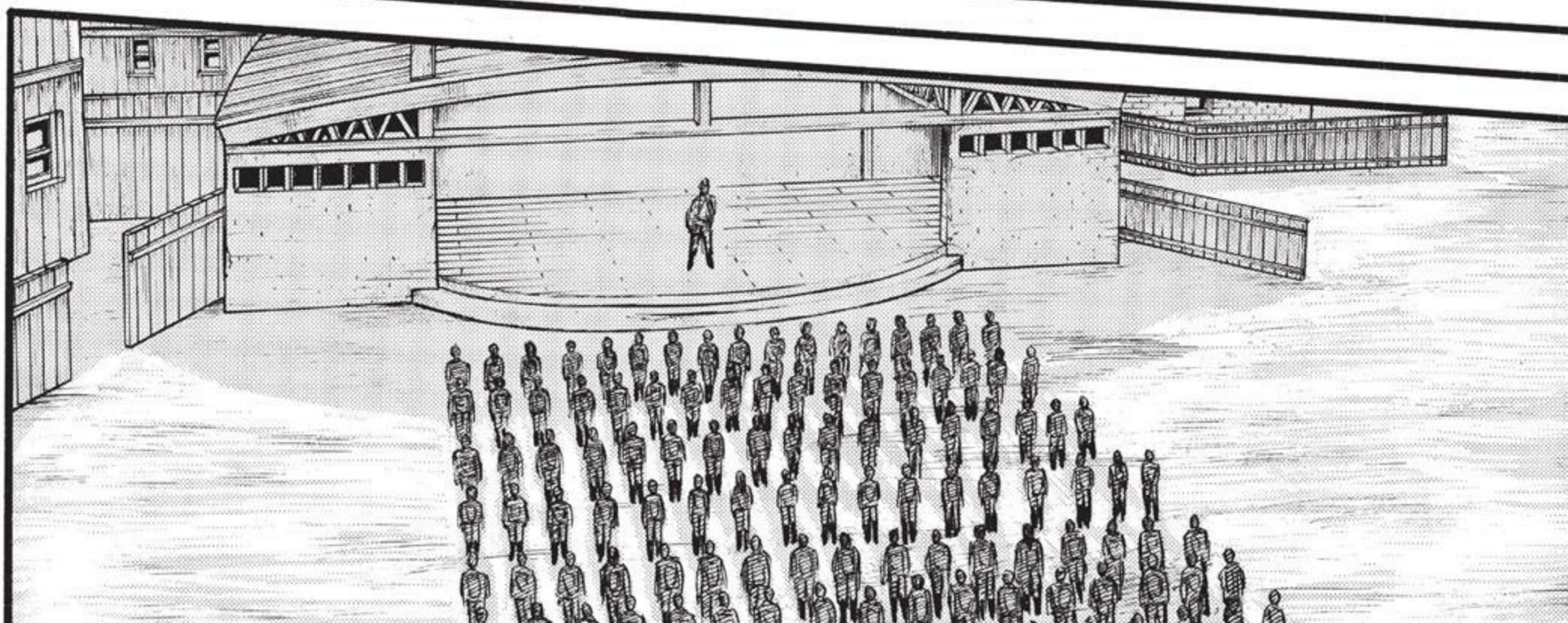
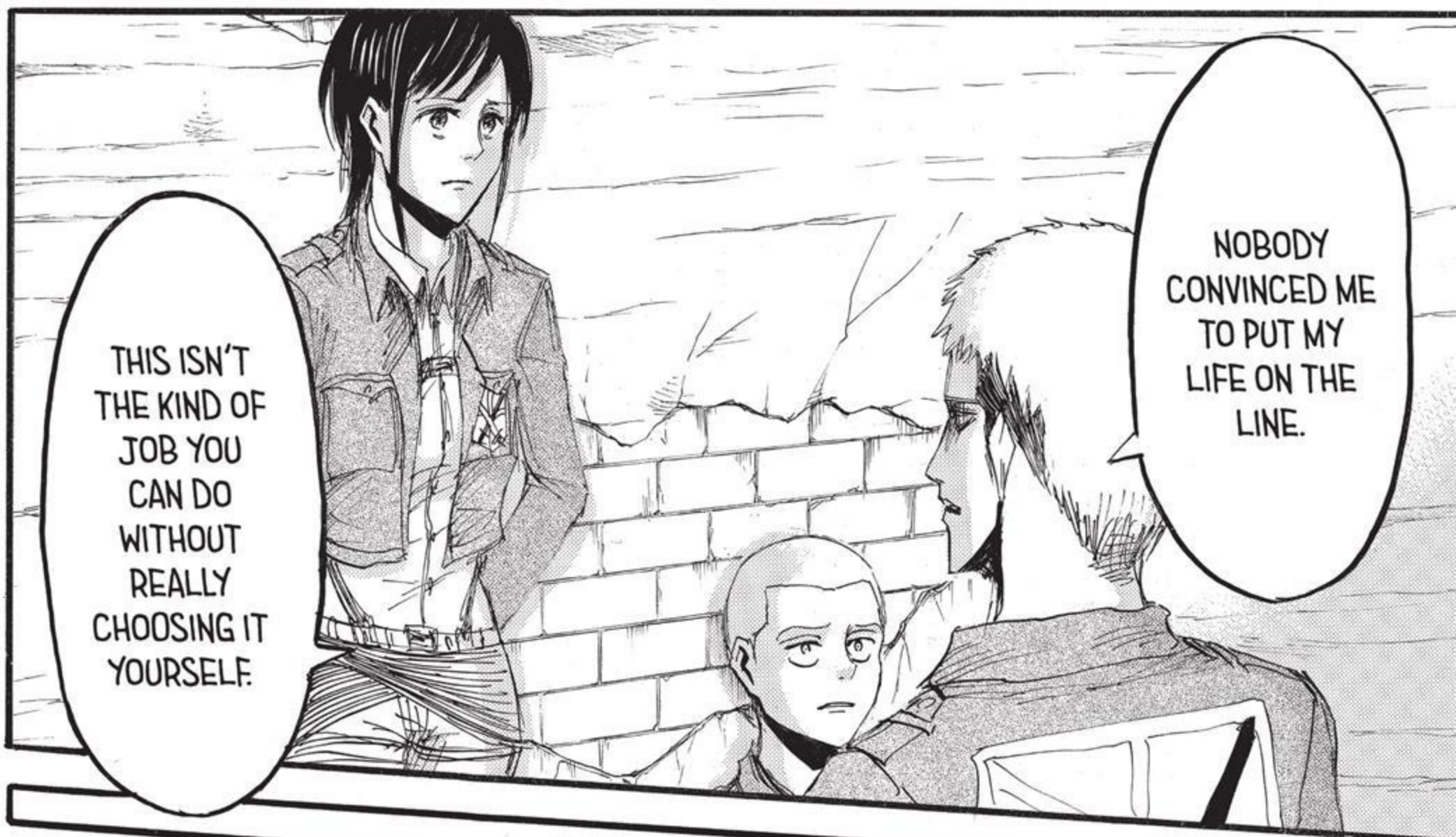
JEAN...



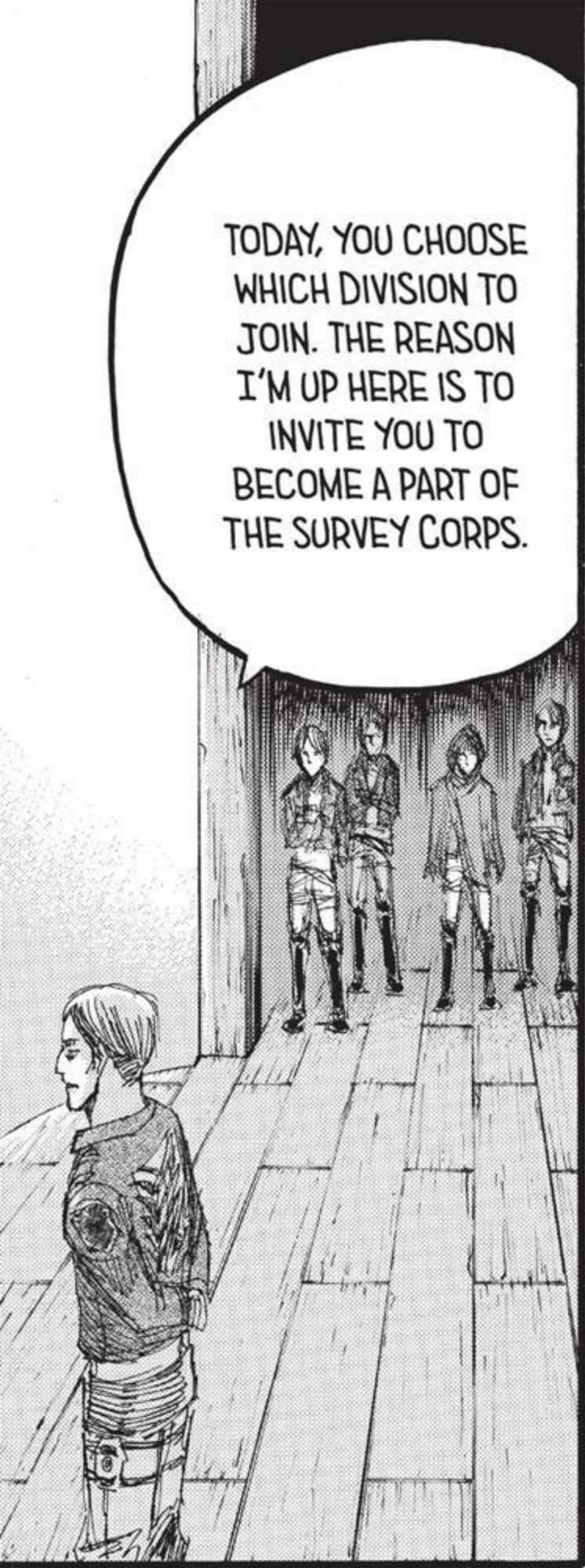










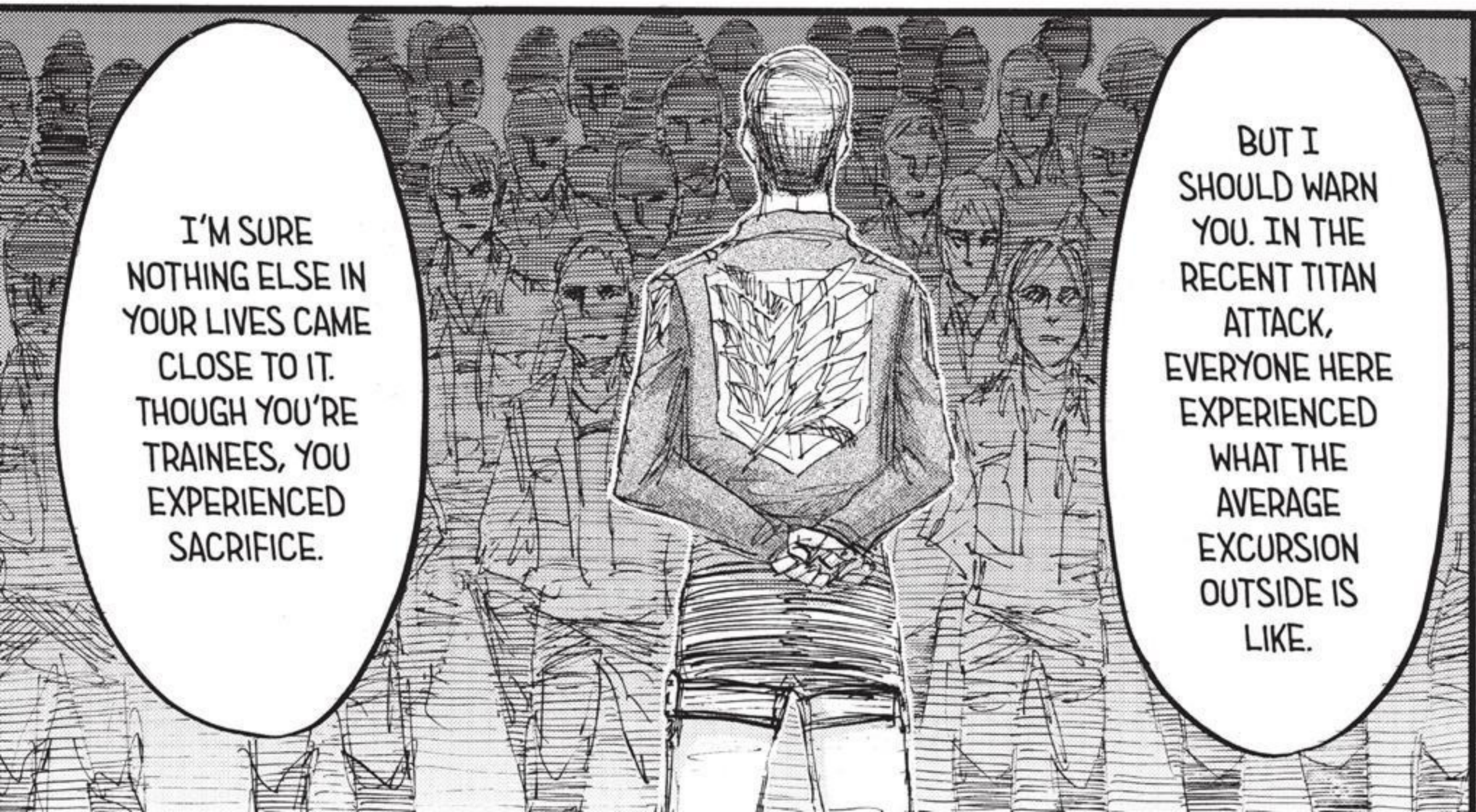


TODAY, YOU CHOOSE  
WHICH DIVISION TO  
JOIN. THE REASON  
I'M UP HERE IS TO  
INVITE YOU TO  
BECOME A PART OF  
THE SURVEY CORPS.



I AM SURVEY  
CORPS  
COMMANDER  
ERWIN SMITH.

THE KING  
HAS GRANTED  
ME AUTHORITY  
OVER ALL  
SURVEY CORPS  
ACTIVITY.



I'M SURE  
NOTHING ELSE IN  
YOUR LIVES CAME  
CLOSE TO IT.  
THOUGH YOU'RE  
TRAINEES, YOU  
EXPERIENCED  
SACRIFICE.

BUT I  
SHOULD WARN  
YOU. IN THE  
RECENT TITAN  
ATTACK,  
EVERYONE HERE  
EXPERIENCED  
WHAT THE  
AVERAGE  
EXCURSION  
OUTSIDE IS  
LIKE.

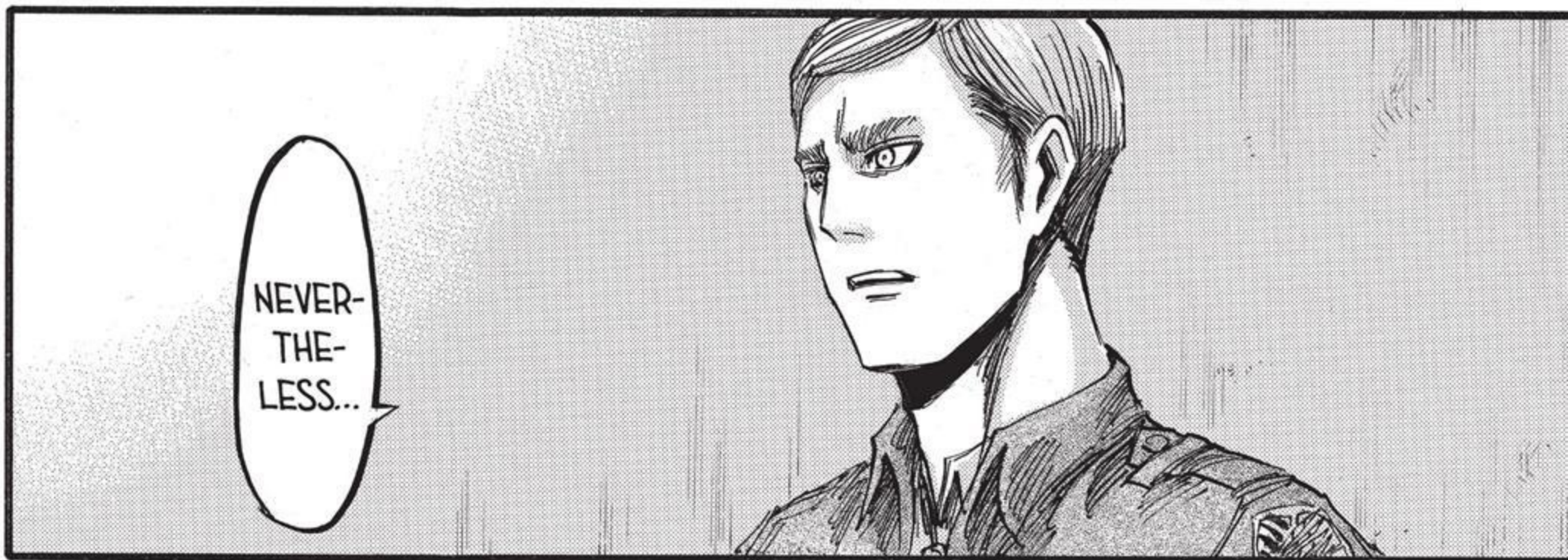




...YOUR OWN  
LIMITS, AND  
THE TERROR  
OF THE  
TITANS.



AS A  
RESULT,  
I'M  
SURE  
YOU  
CAME TO  
KNOW...



NEVER-  
THE-  
LESS...



BY NOW,  
EVERYONE  
IS AWARE  
OF...



...THE HUMAN  
RACE HAS  
ADVANCED  
TOWARDS  
VICTORY LIKE  
NEVER  
BEFORE.

WHILE  
IT'S TRUE  
WE  
SUFFERED  
HEAVY  
LOSSES IN  
THIS  
ATTACK...

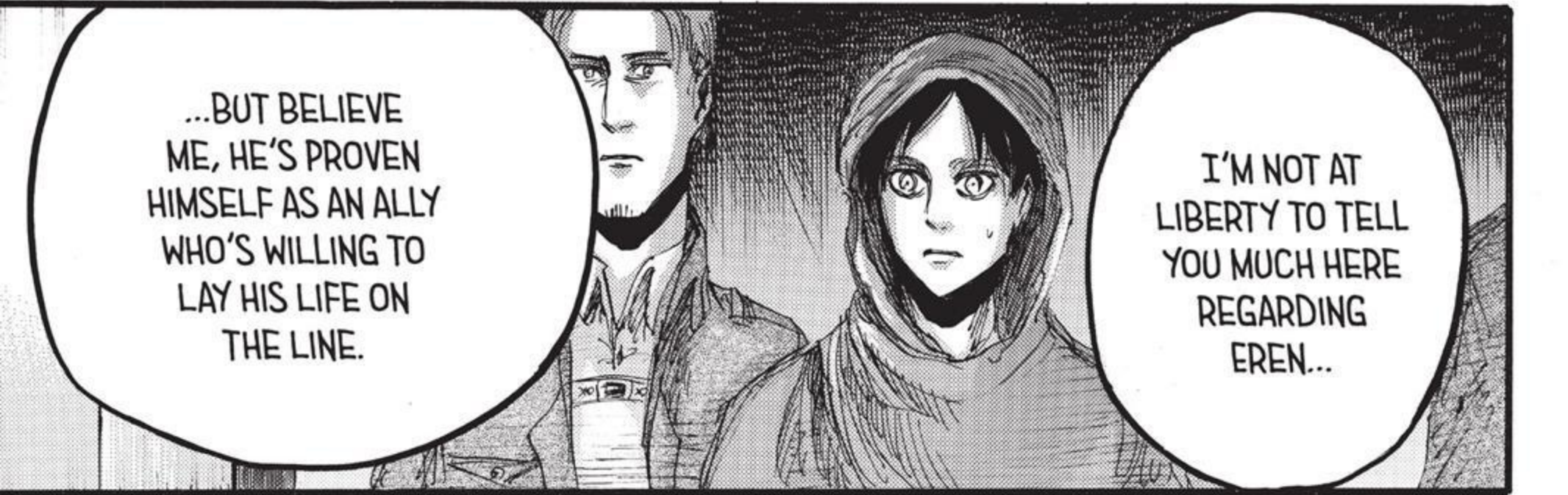




...AND WE HAVE OBTAINED A PATH TO UNDERSTANDING THE TRUE NATURE OF THE TITANS.

THROUGH HIS ACTIONS AND ALL OF YOURS, THE TITAN INCURSION WAS HALTED...

...THE EXISTENCE OF EREN YEAGER.



...BUT BELIEVE ME, HE'S PROVEN HIMSELF AS AN ALLY WHO'S WILLING TO LAY HIS LIFE ON THE LINE.

I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO TELL YOU MUCH HERE REGARDING EREN...



...THERE ARE ANSWERS ABOUT THE TITANS THAT EVEN HE DOESN'T HAVE.



AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT IN THE BASEMENT OF HIS OLD HOUSE IN SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT...





...I BELIEVE  
WE'LL FIND CLUES  
THAT MAY FREE US  
FROM A CENTURY  
OF DOMINATION  
BY THE TITANS.

IF WE  
CAN JUST  
GET TO THAT  
BASEMENT...

**MURMUR**

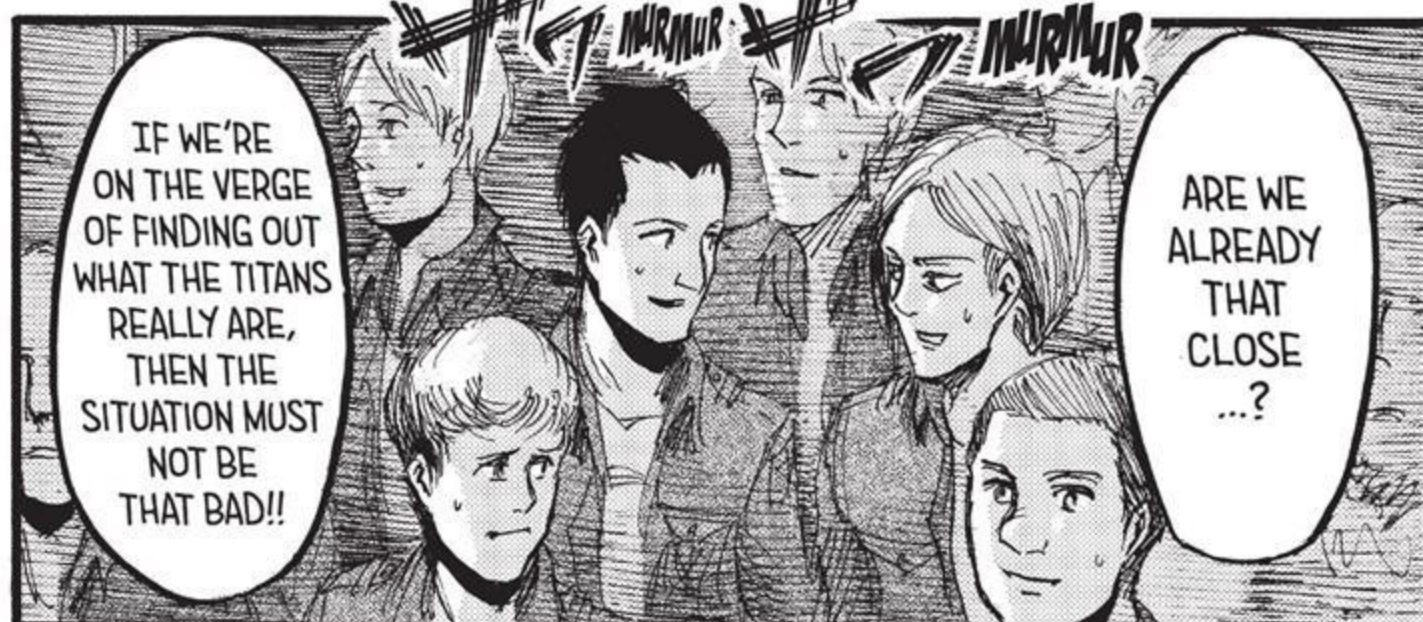


...BUT  
MAKING THAT  
INFORMATION  
PUBLIC...?

I KNOW  
THEY  
WANT TO  
RECRUIT  
SOL-  
DIERS...



HIS  
BASE-  
MENT  
...?



IF WE'RE  
ON THE VERGE  
OF FINDING OUT  
WHAT THE TITANS  
REALLY ARE,  
THEN THE  
SITUATION MUST  
NOT BE  
THAT BAD!!

ARE WE  
ALREADY  
THAT  
CLOSE  
...?



HE MUST  
HAVE AN  
AGENDA...

WAIT...



...





AND  
YET  
...

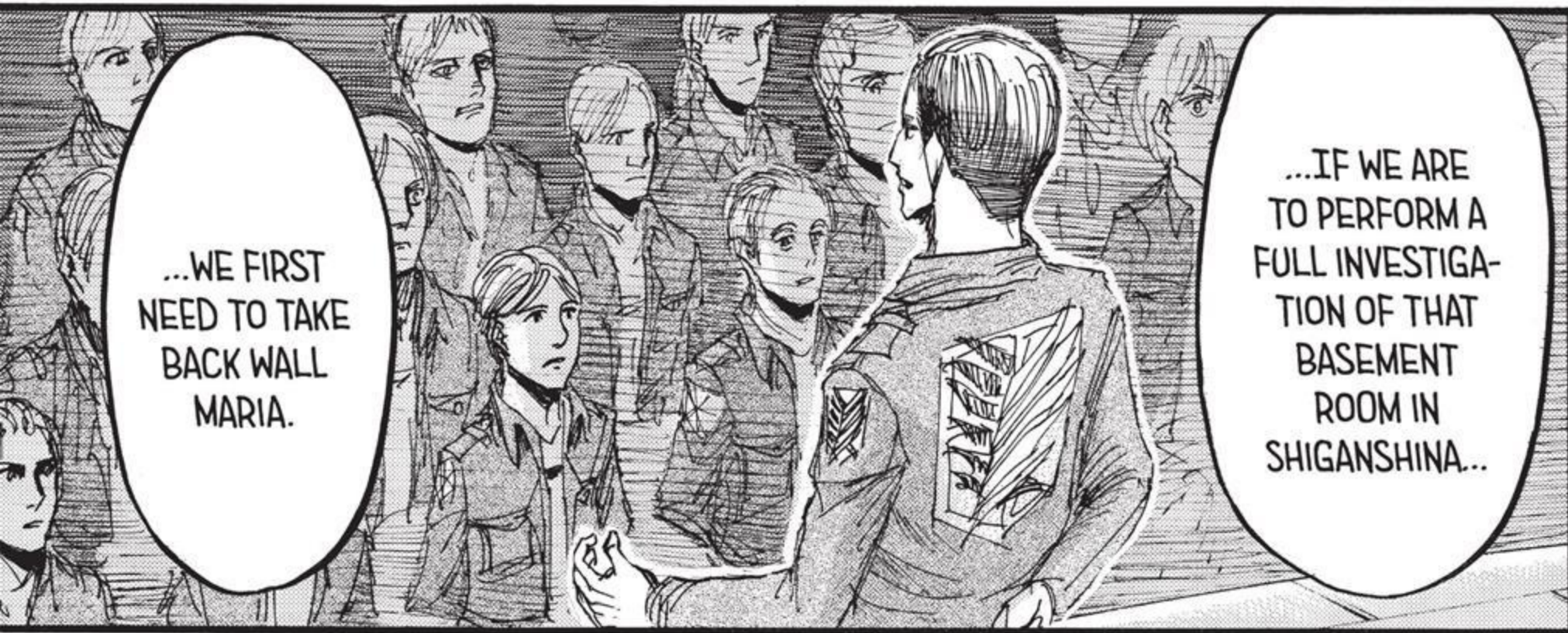


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...  
LOOKING  
AT?

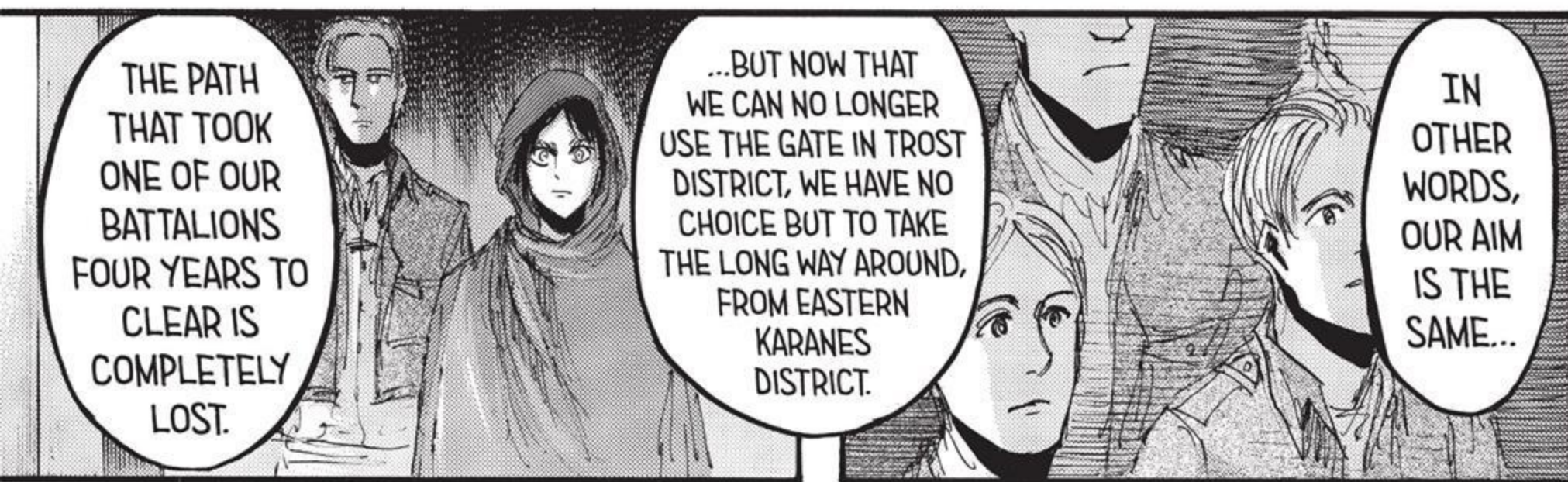


WHAT'S  
THE  
COM-  
MAND-  
ER  
...



...WE FIRST  
NEED TO TAKE  
BACK WALL  
MARIA.

...IF WE ARE  
TO PERFORM A  
FULL INVESTIGA-  
TION OF THAT  
BASEMENT  
ROOM IN  
SHIGANSHINA...



THE PATH  
THAT TOOK  
ONE OF OUR  
BATTALIONS  
FOUR YEARS TO  
CLEAR IS  
COMPLETELY  
LOST.

...BUT NOW THAT  
WE CAN NO LONGER  
USE THE GATE IN TROST  
DISTRICT, WE HAVE NO  
CHOICE BUT TO TAKE  
THE LONG WAY AROUND,  
FROM EASTERN  
KARANES  
DISTRICT.

IN  
OTHER  
WORDS,  
OUR AIM  
IS THE  
SAME...



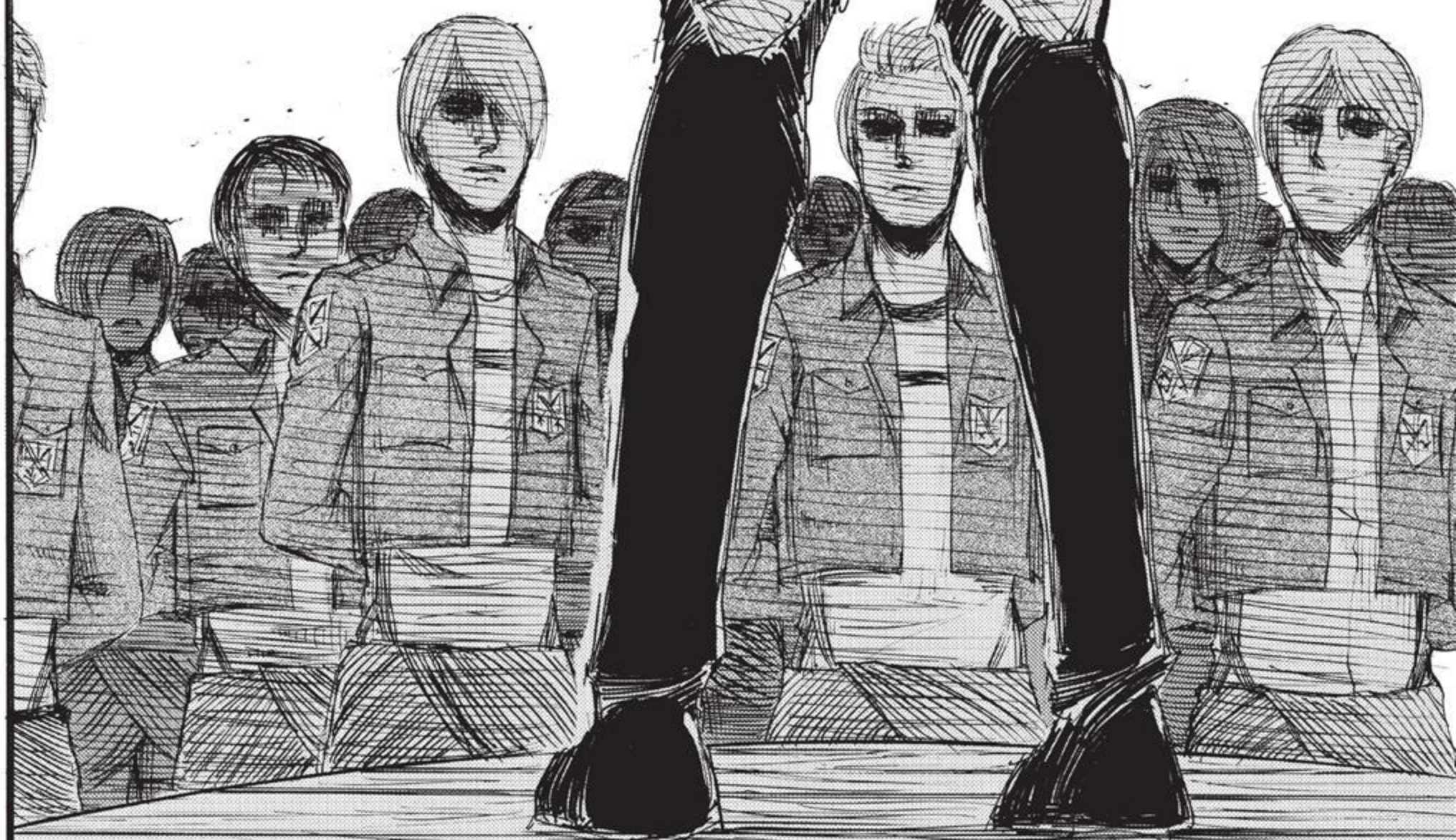
THAT'S  
90% IN  
FOUR  
YEARS.

DURING THOSE  
FOUR YEARS, OVER  
90% OF THE  
SURVEY CORPS  
SOLDIERS DIED.

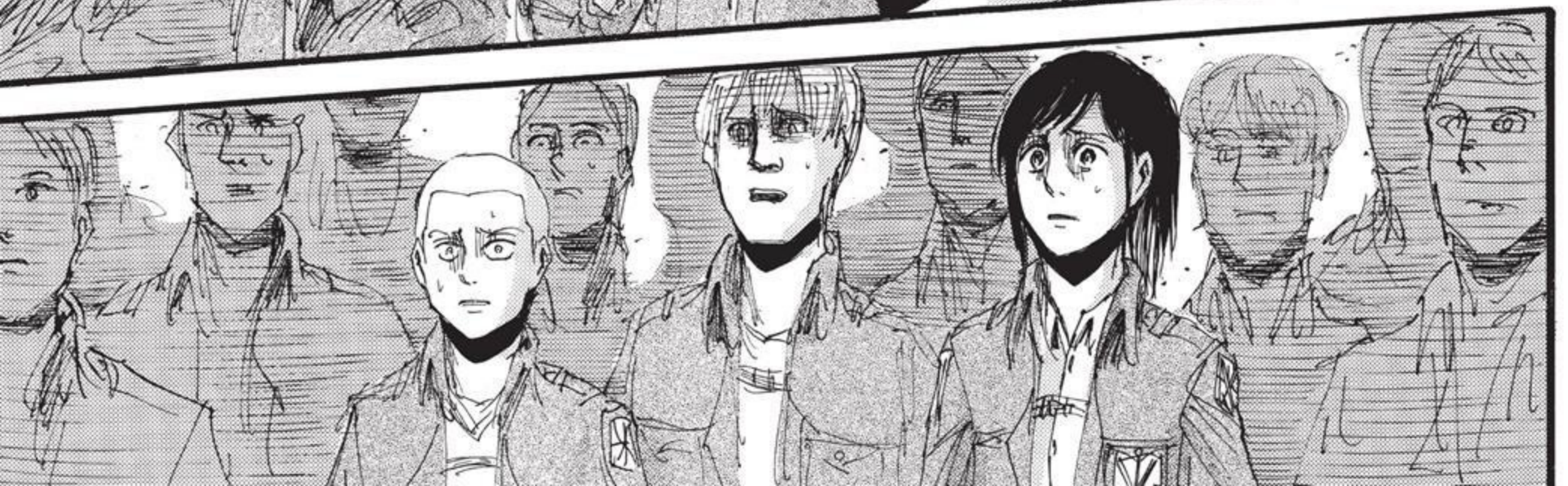
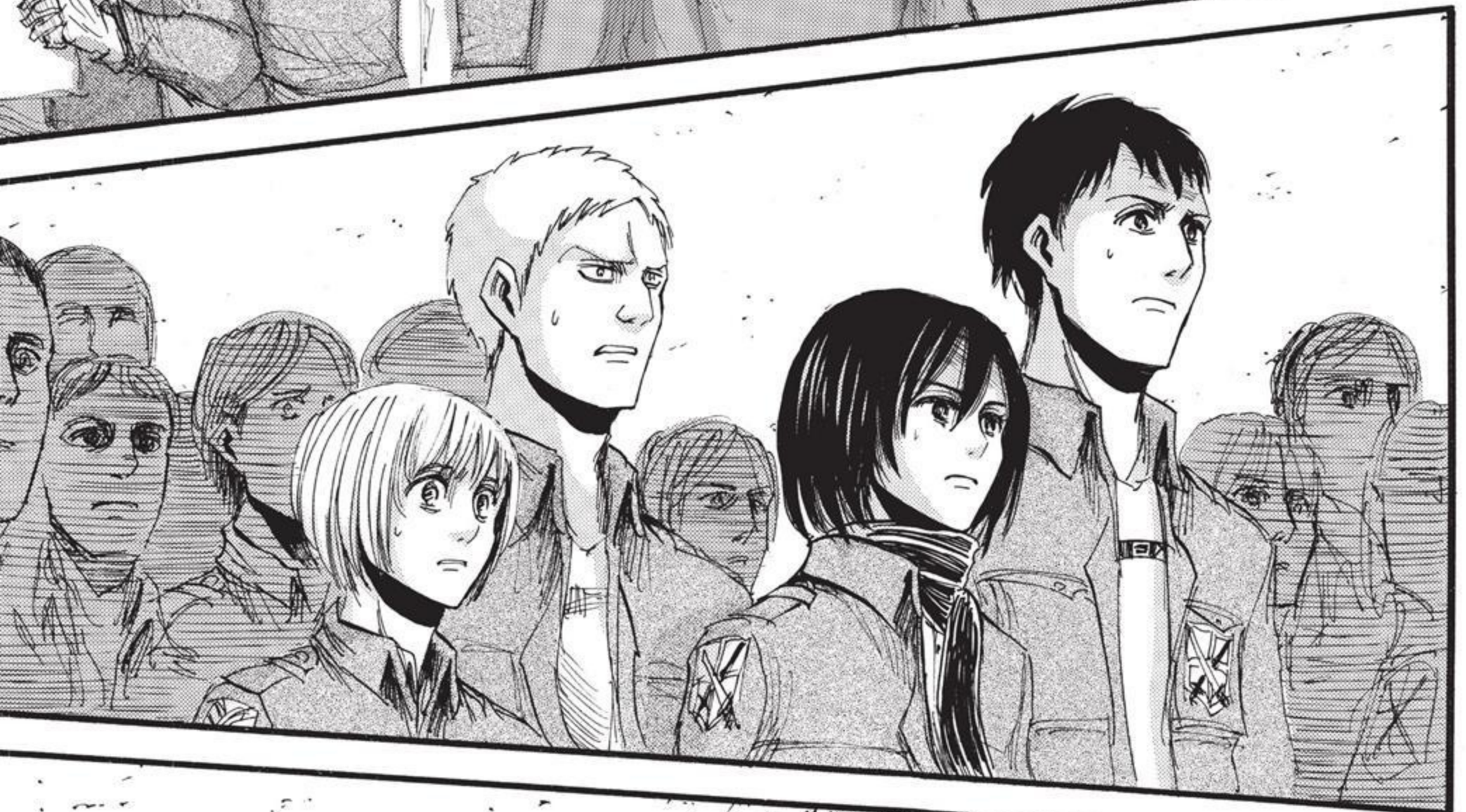
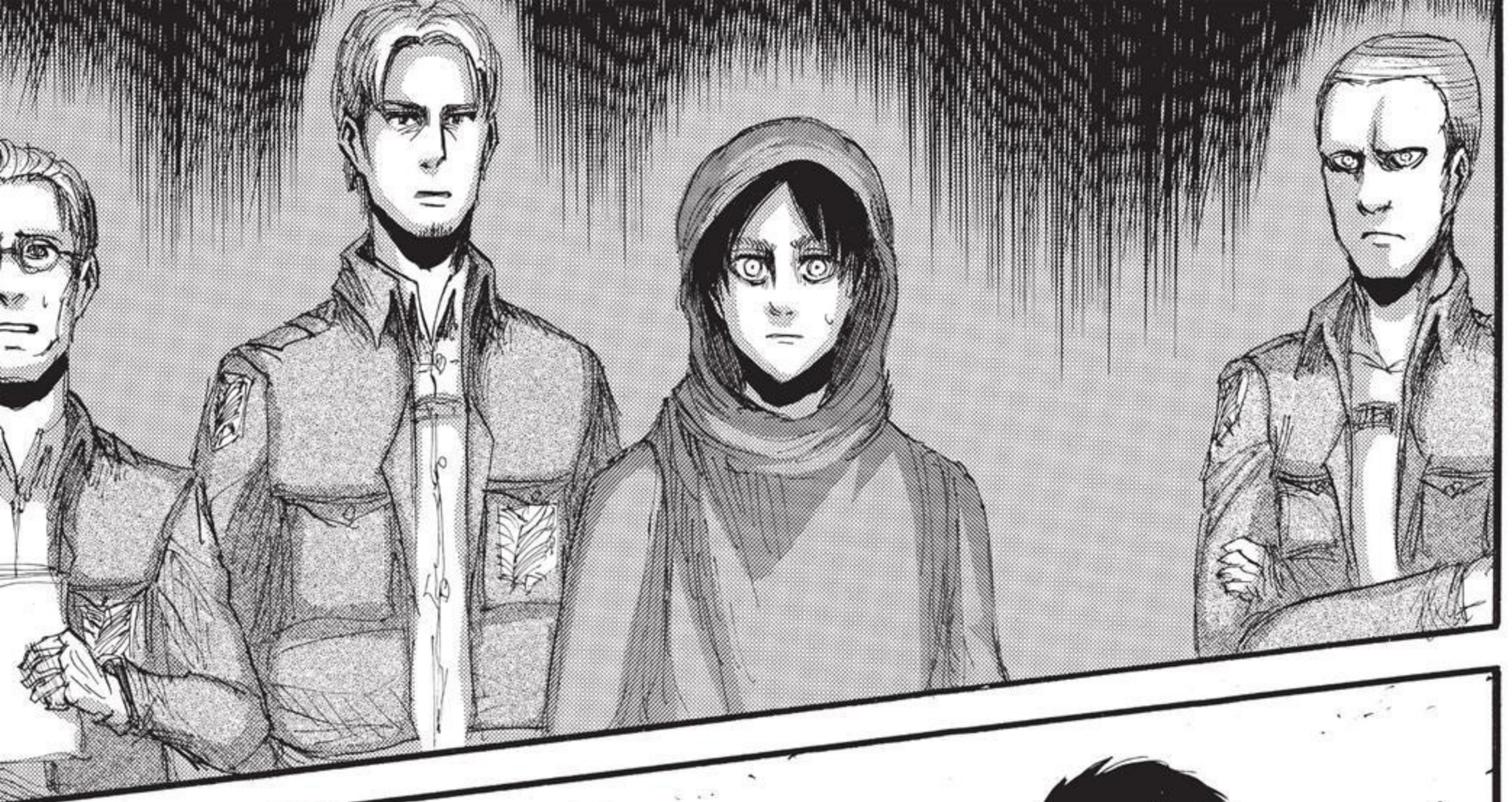


...WOULD  
MEAN FIVE TIMES  
THE CASUALTIES  
AND 20 YEARS OF  
WORK. THOSE  
AREN'T REALISTIC  
FIGURES.

EVEN  
IN THE BEST  
CASE, SENDING  
ANOTHER  
BATTALION TO  
WALL MARIA...









SINCE MANY  
ARE KILLED  
EVERY TIME  
WE GO OUT, WE  
SUFFER FROM  
A CHRONIC  
SHORTAGE OF  
PERSONNEL.



THE SURVEY  
CORPS IS  
ALWAYS  
LOOKING FOR  
TALENTED  
PEOPLE.

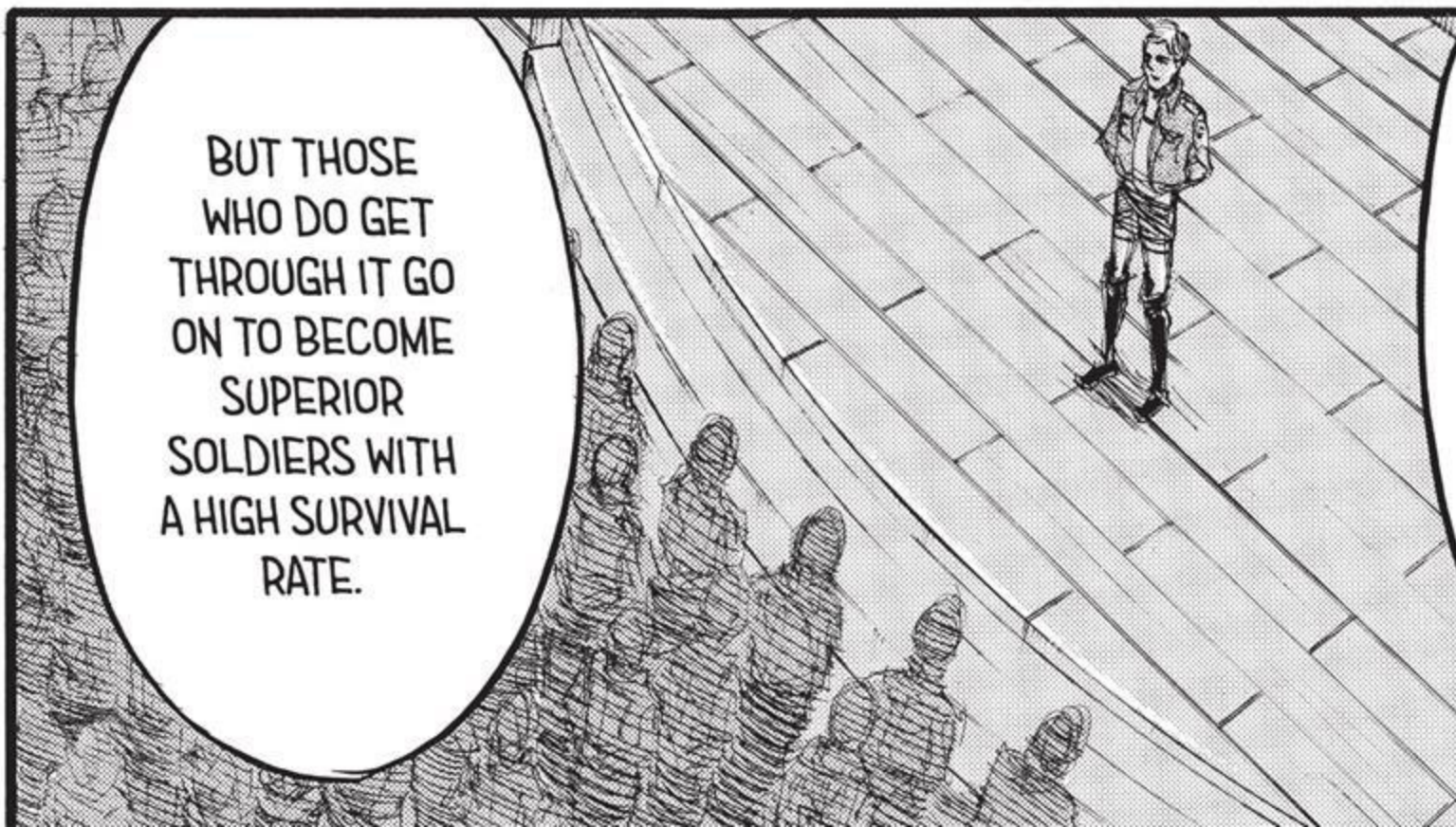
A SUPPLY  
ROUTE NEEDS  
TO BE PUT IN  
PLACE AS  
SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

THOSE OF  
YOU WHO JOIN  
THE SURVEY  
CORPS WILL  
PARTICIPATE IN  
AN EXPEDITION  
BEYOND THE  
WALL ONE  
MONTH FROM  
NOW.



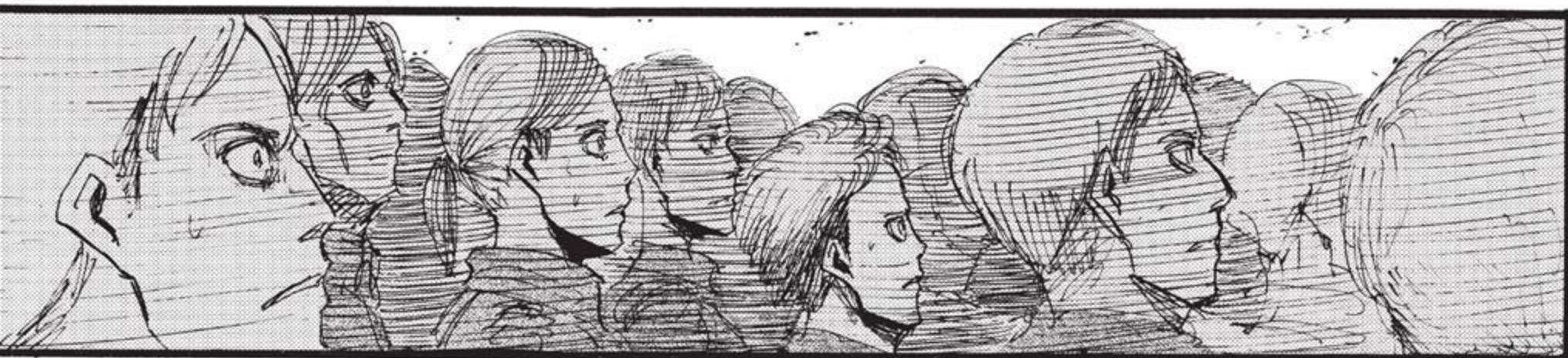
I  
WON'T  
HIDE  
IT.

BUT THOSE  
WHO DO GET  
THROUGH IT GO  
ON TO BECOME  
SUPERIOR  
SOLDIERS WITH  
A HIGH SURVIVAL  
RATE.

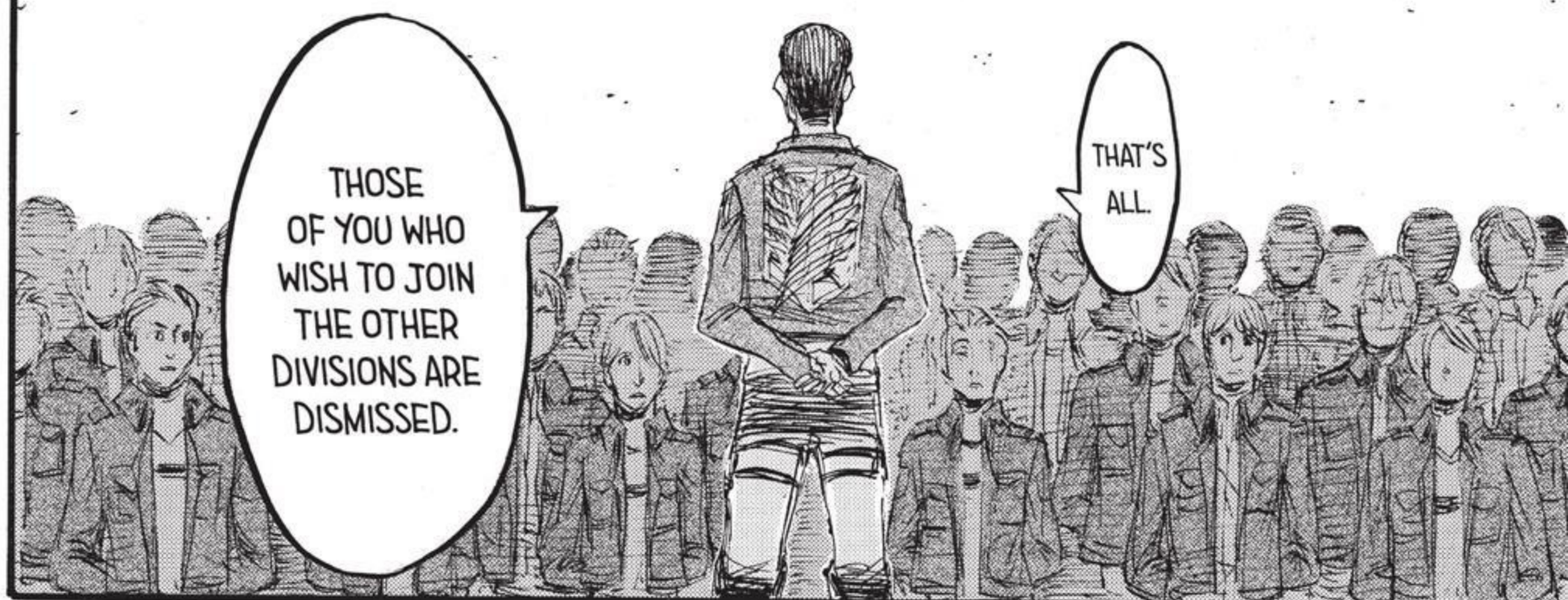


I BELIEVE  
THE MORTALITY  
RATE FOR NEW  
RECRUITS GOING  
ON THEIR FIRST  
JOURNEY  
OUTSIDE IS  
ABOUT 50%.









THOSE  
OF YOU WHO  
WISH TO JOIN  
THE OTHER  
DIVISIONS ARE  
DISMISSED.

THAT'S  
ALL.



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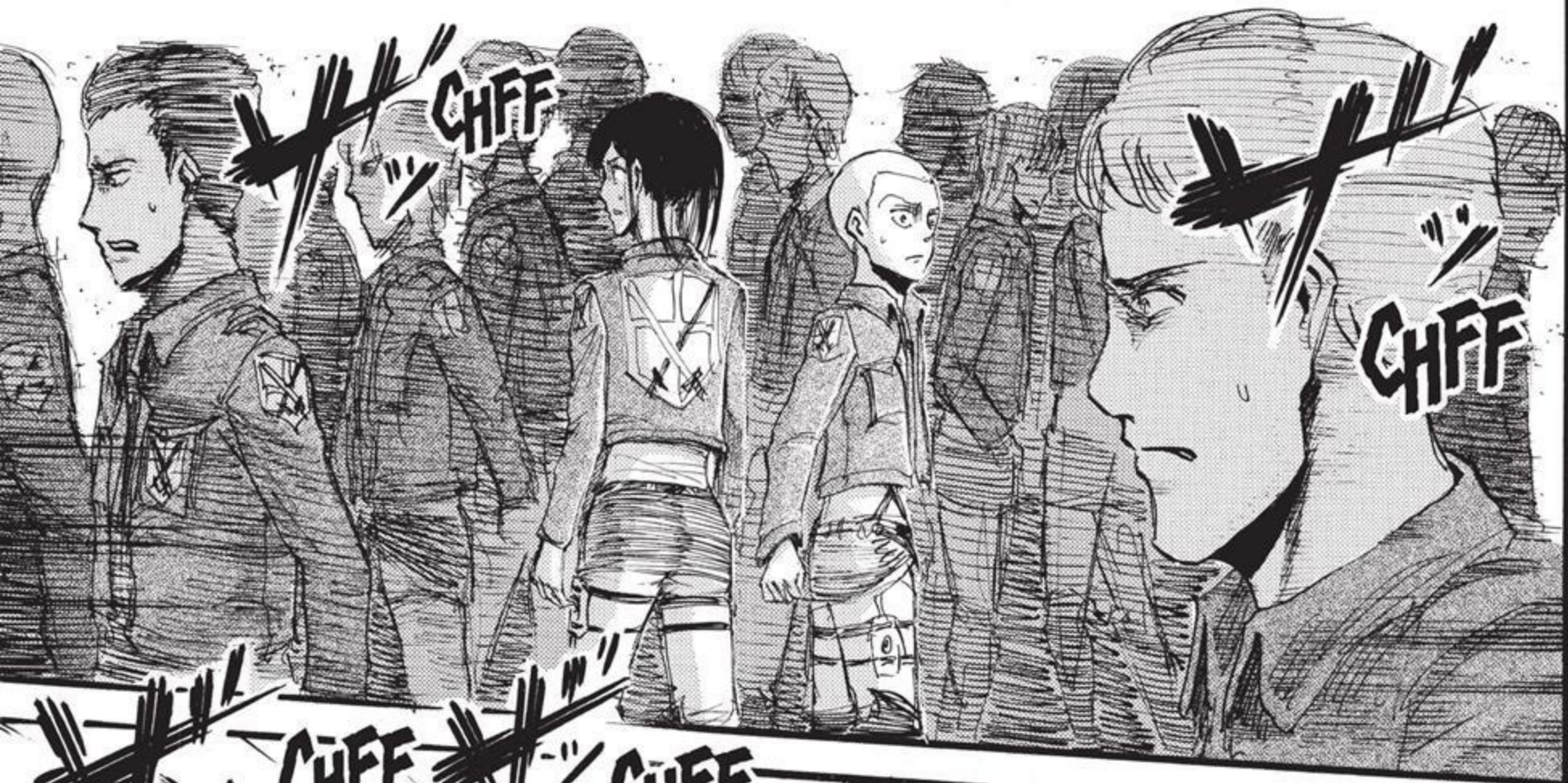


THE  
TRAINEES  
THAT ARE  
LEFT MUST  
FEEL LIKE  
THEY'VE  
BEEN  
THROUGH  
THE  
WRINGER.



COM-  
MANDER,  
DID YOU  
HAVE TO BE  
THAT  
INTIMIDAT-  
ING?









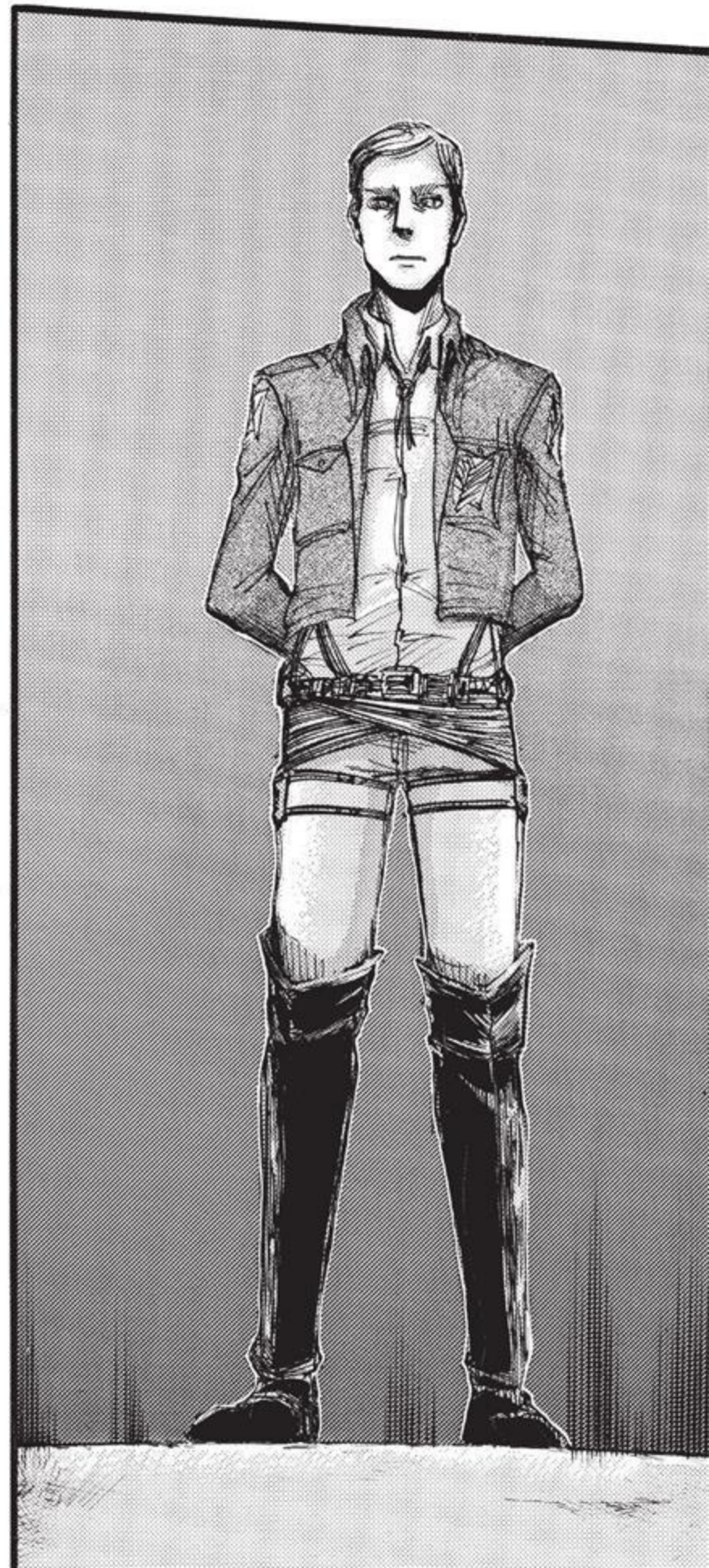
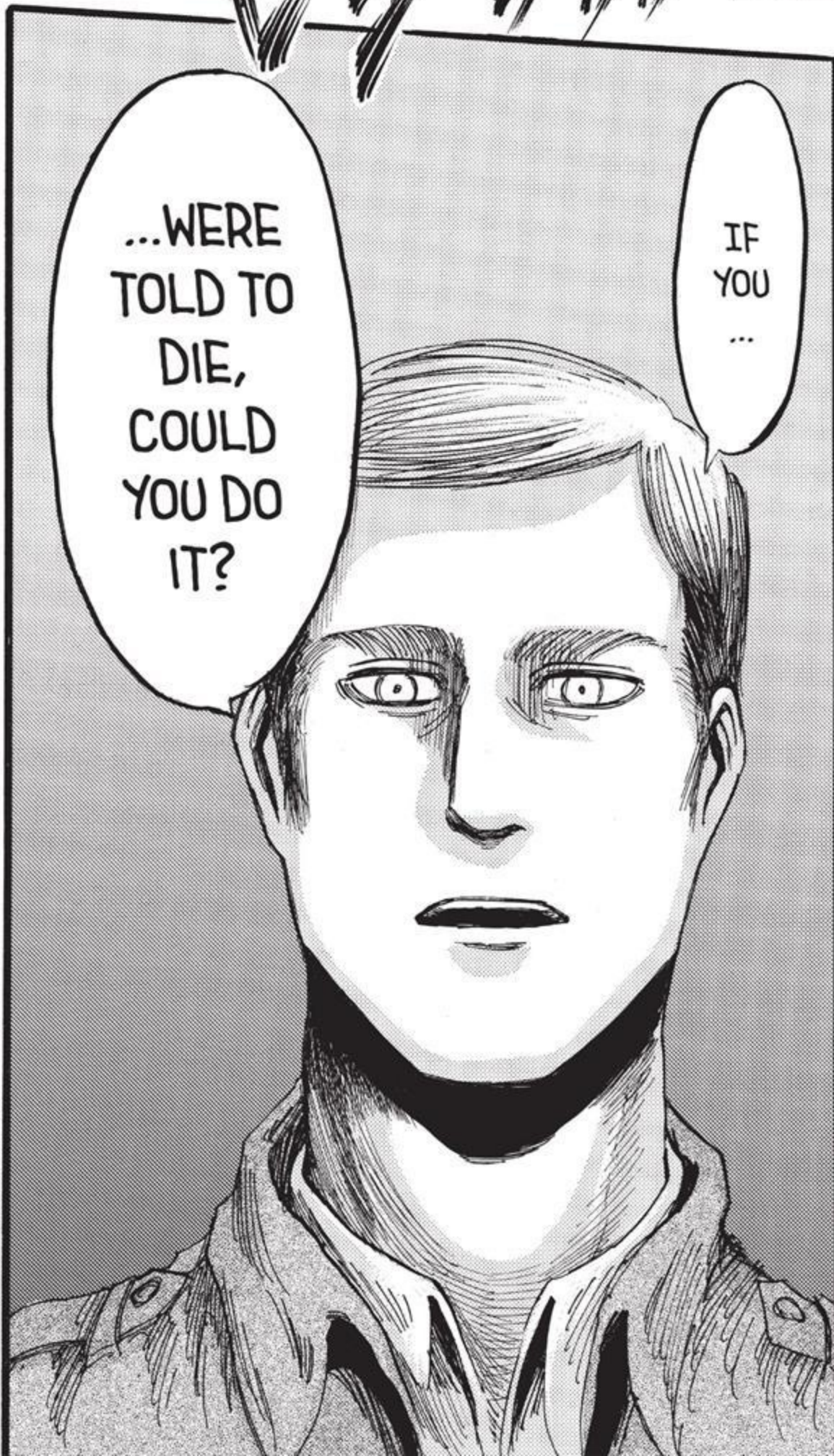
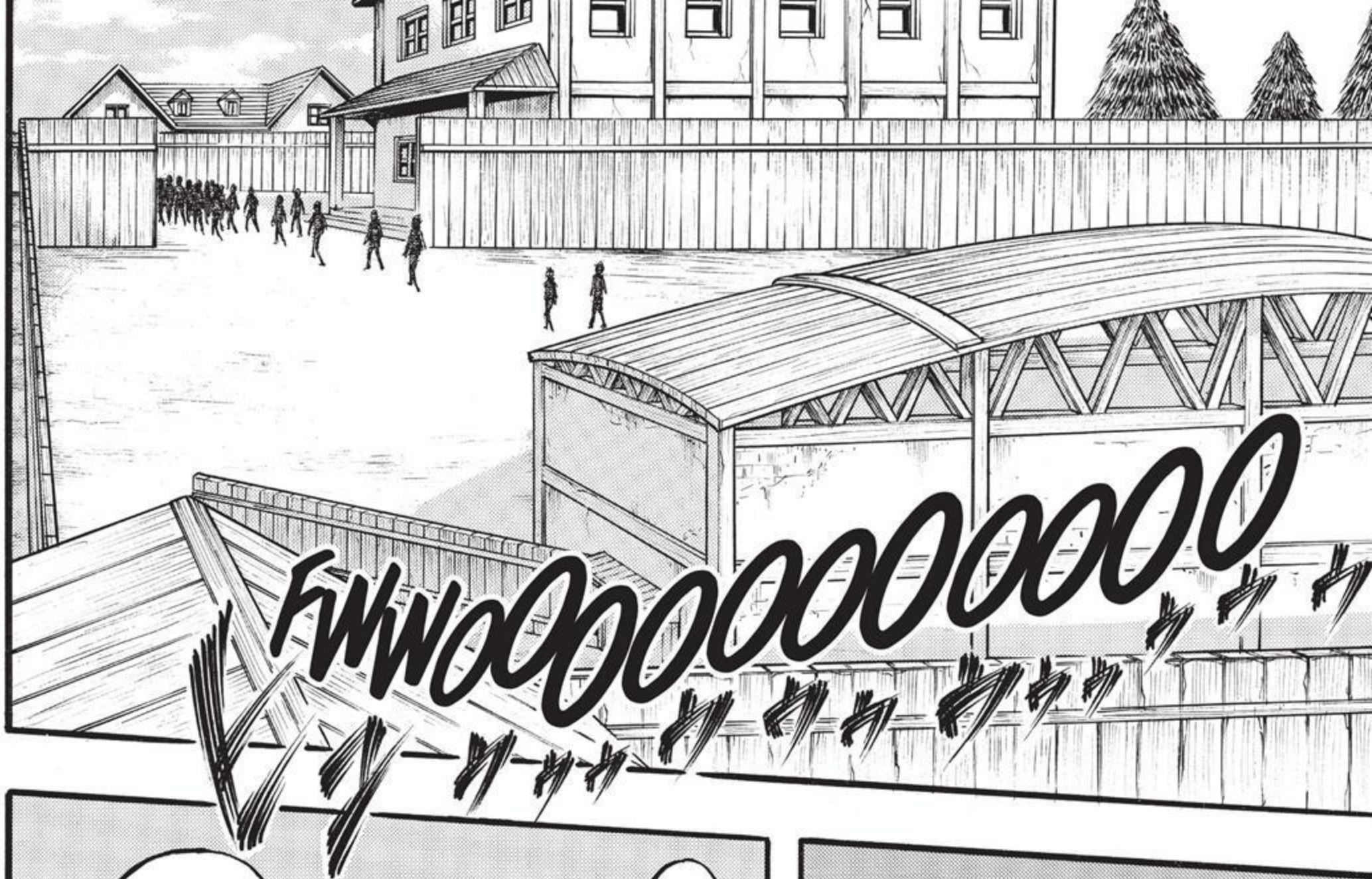
















I  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO DIE!



EVERY-  
ONE...  
YOU LOOK  
GOOD.

I  
SEE  
...



DEVOTE  
YOUR  
HEARTS  
TO THE  
CAUSE!

THIS IS  
MY REAL  
SALUTE!

VERY WELL!  
I WELCOME  
THE NEWEST  
MEMBERS OF  
THE SURVEY  
CORPS!



YES,  
SIR!!

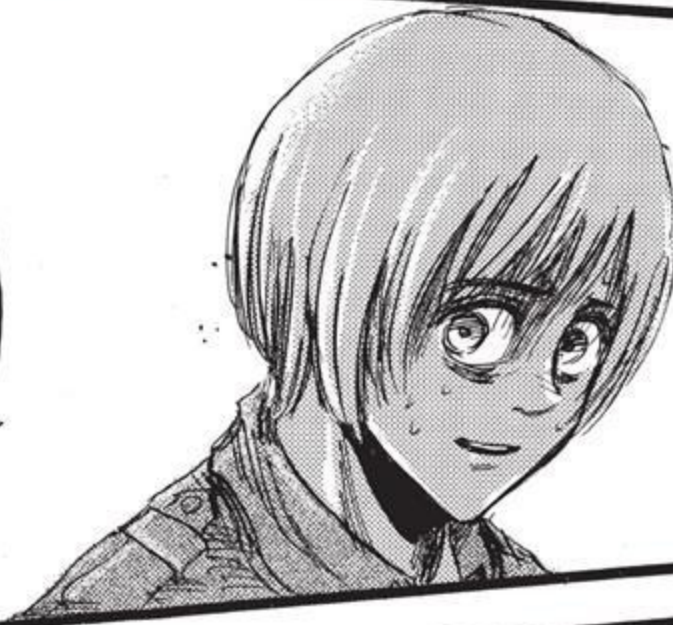






EV-  
ERY-  
ONE...

...



THE  
SURVEY  
CORPS,  
OF ALL  
THINGS  
...

THIS  
IS THE  
WORST.  
DAMN  
IT...



AHHH  
...  
SHIT  
...

I WANNA  
GO BACK  
TO THE  
VILLAGE...



I'M  
SCAR-  
ED...

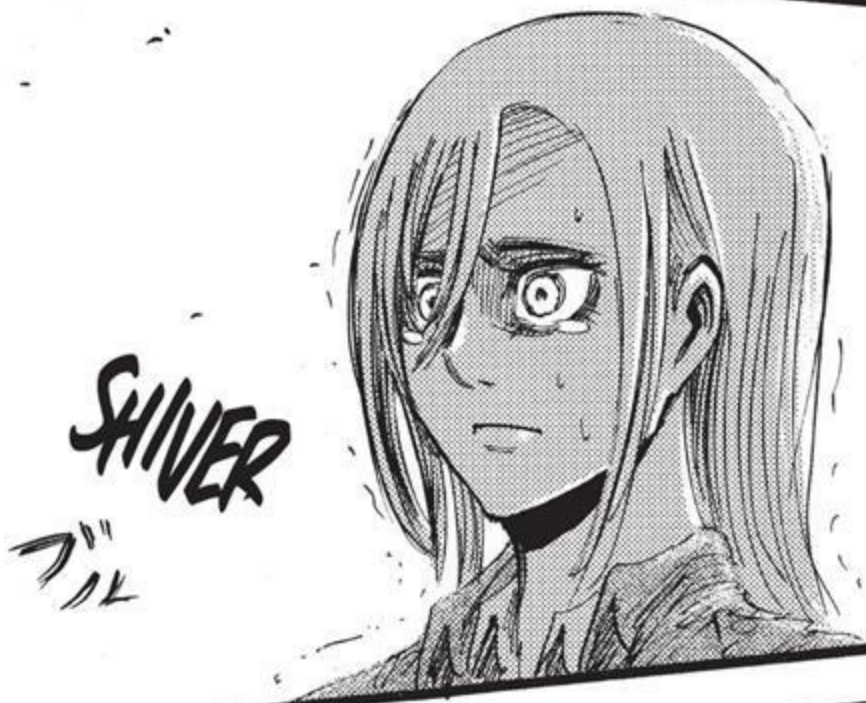
...UNH  
... I  
HATE  
THIS...

I JUST  
DON'T  
CARE  
ANY-  
MORE...

A H H  
...







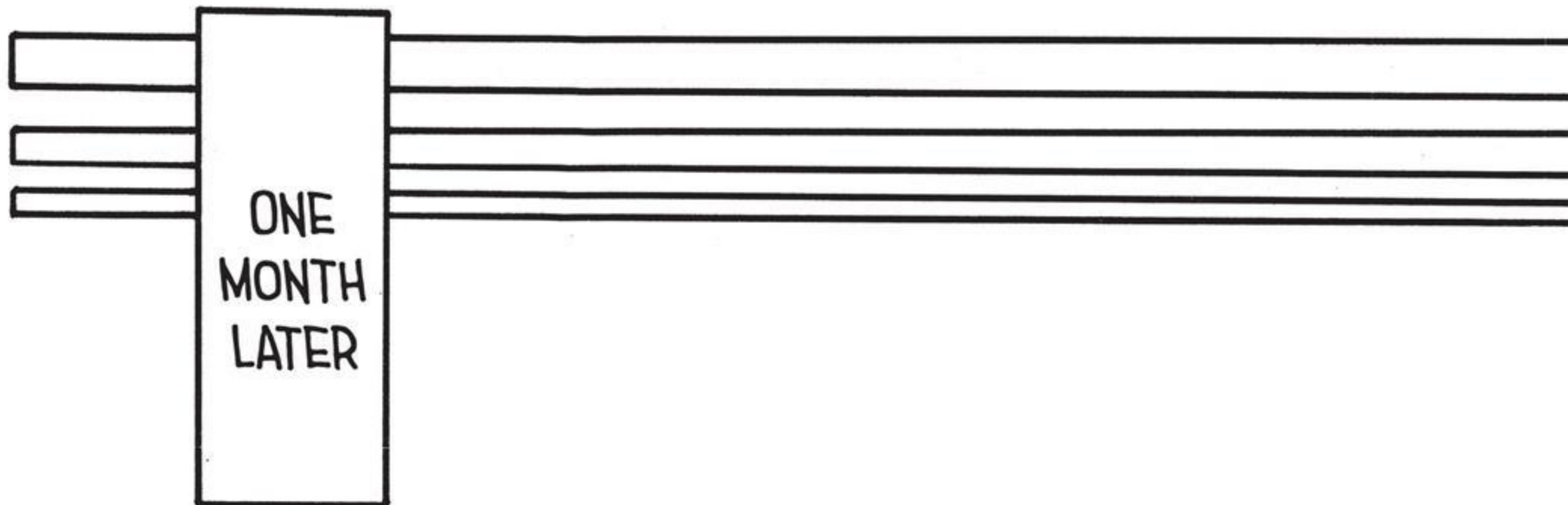
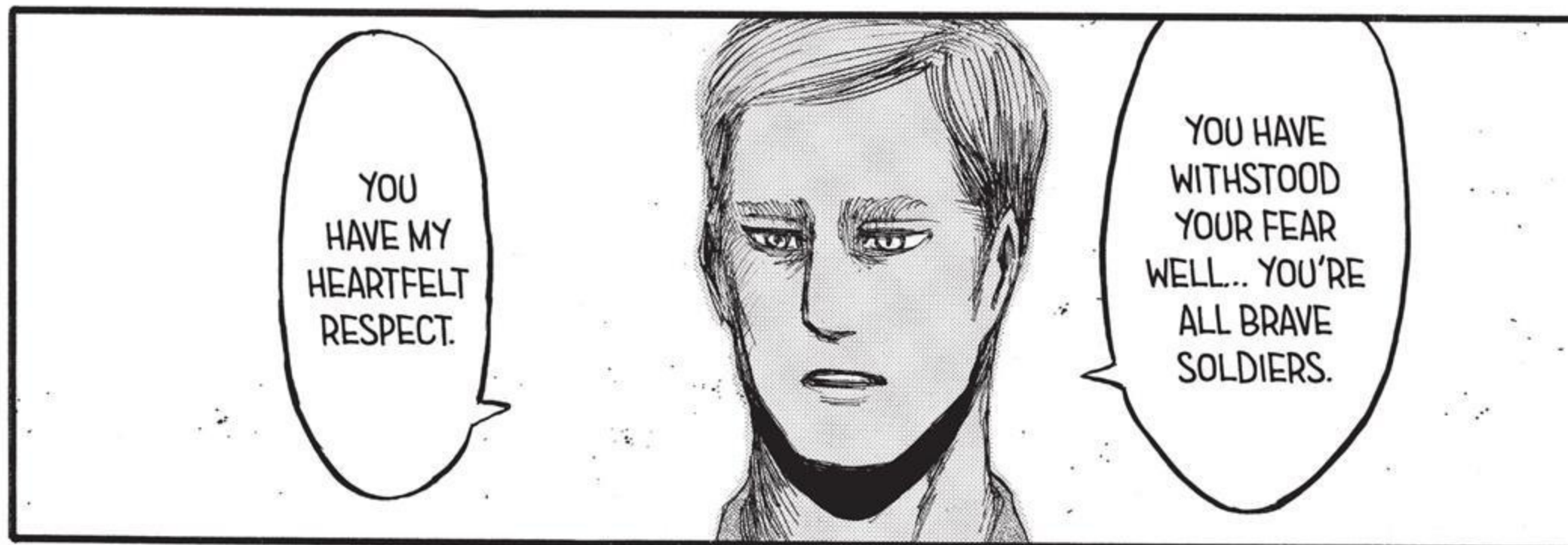
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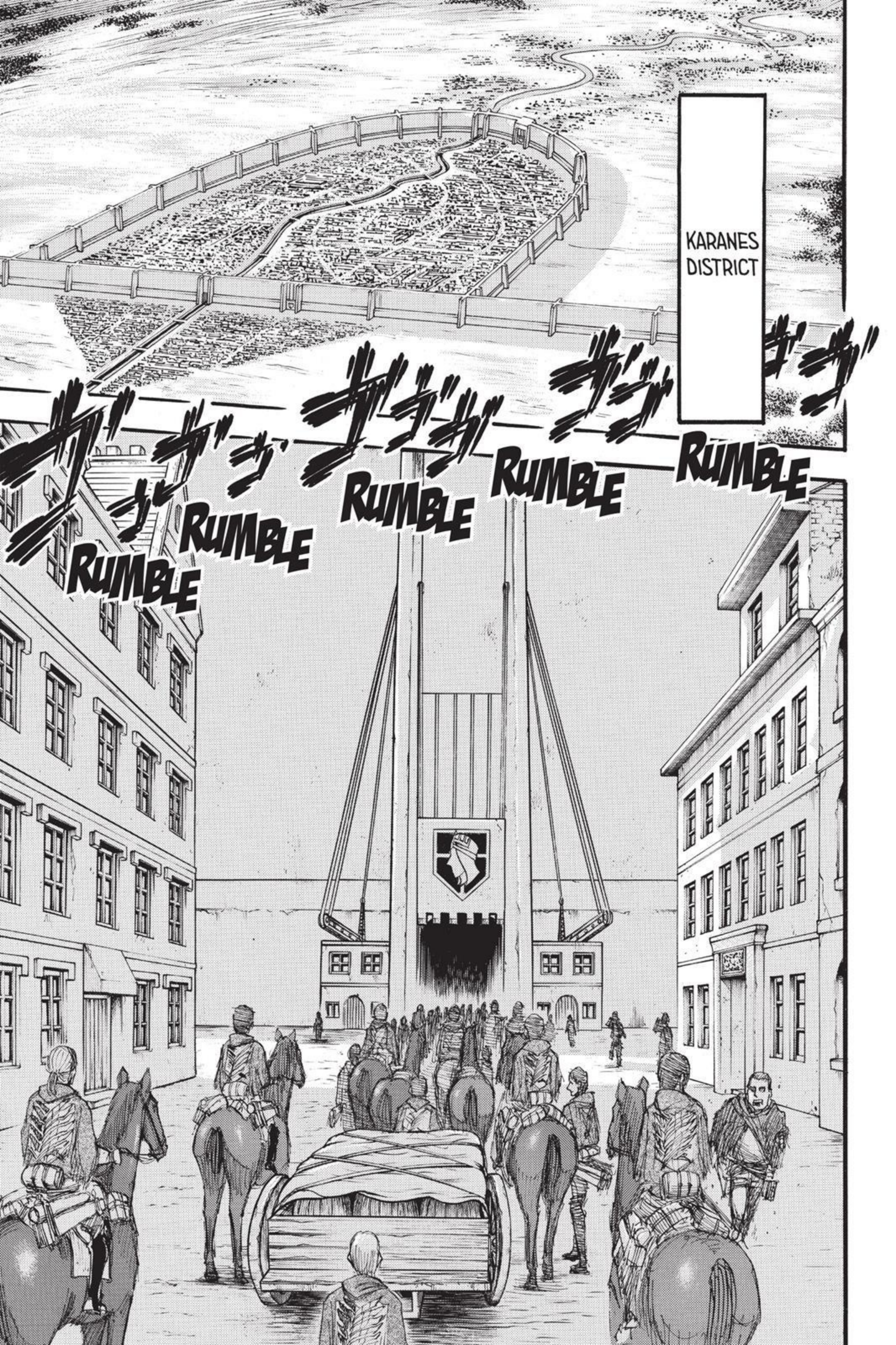
IF  
YOU'RE  
GONNA CRY  
HERE, YOU  
MIGHT AS  
WELL  
QUIT.











KARANES  
DISTRICT

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE





**RUMBLE** **RUMBLE** **RUMBLE**

WE LED  
THE NEAREST  
TITANS SOME  
DISTANCE  
AWAY!!

THIRTY  
SECONDS  
TO GATE  
OPENING!!

ALMOST  
READY!

COM-  
MAN-  
DER  
!!





SHOW  
ME WHAT  
YOU'VE  
LEARNED  
!!

THIS IS IT!!  
NOW THE  
HUMAN RACE  
TAKES  
ANOTHER  
STEP  
FORWARD!!

**RUMBLE**

AD-  
VANCE  
!!

LAUNCH  
THE 57TH  
EXPEDITION  
OUTSIDE  
THE WALL!

OPEN  
THE  
GATE!!

**RUMBLE  
RUMBLE**











10-METER\*  
CLASS TITAN  
APPROACHING  
FROM THE  
LEFT!!

\* ABOUT 33 FEET.











ADVANCE!!

ADVANCE!!

Glor



# Current Publicly Available Information

## 10. Survey Corps Horses

THE STABLE HORSES USED BY THE SURVEY CORPS ARE SELECTIVELY BRED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 160 CM (5 FEET 3 INCHES) TALL AND 450-500 KG (990-1,100 LBS). THEY CAN GET BY ON A SIMPLE DIET AND TRAVEL FOR MANY HOURS WITHOUT COMPLAINING. THESE HORSES HAVE A MILD TEMPERAMENT AND RARELY PANIC, EVEN WHEN CONFRONTED WITH TITANS. THEIR TOP SPEED IS BETWEEN 75-80 KPH (46-50 MPH), AND THEY CAN MAINTAIN A SWIFT 35 KPH (22 MPH) GALLOP. THE HORSES ARE TENACIOUS, ABLE TO MAINTAIN A FINE SPEED OF 20 KPH (12 MPH) EVEN WHEN PULLING A CARRIAGE. THEY AREN'T THE TITANS' DIRECT GOAL AND ARE ABLE TO OUTRUN THE TITANS ON FOOT, MAKING THEM THE ONLY METHOD OF ESCAPE. THESE HORSES ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE. IN MONETARY TERMS, ONE IS WORTH AN AVERAGE PERSON'S LIFETIME INCOME. (WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI AND KIYOMUNE MIWA)

